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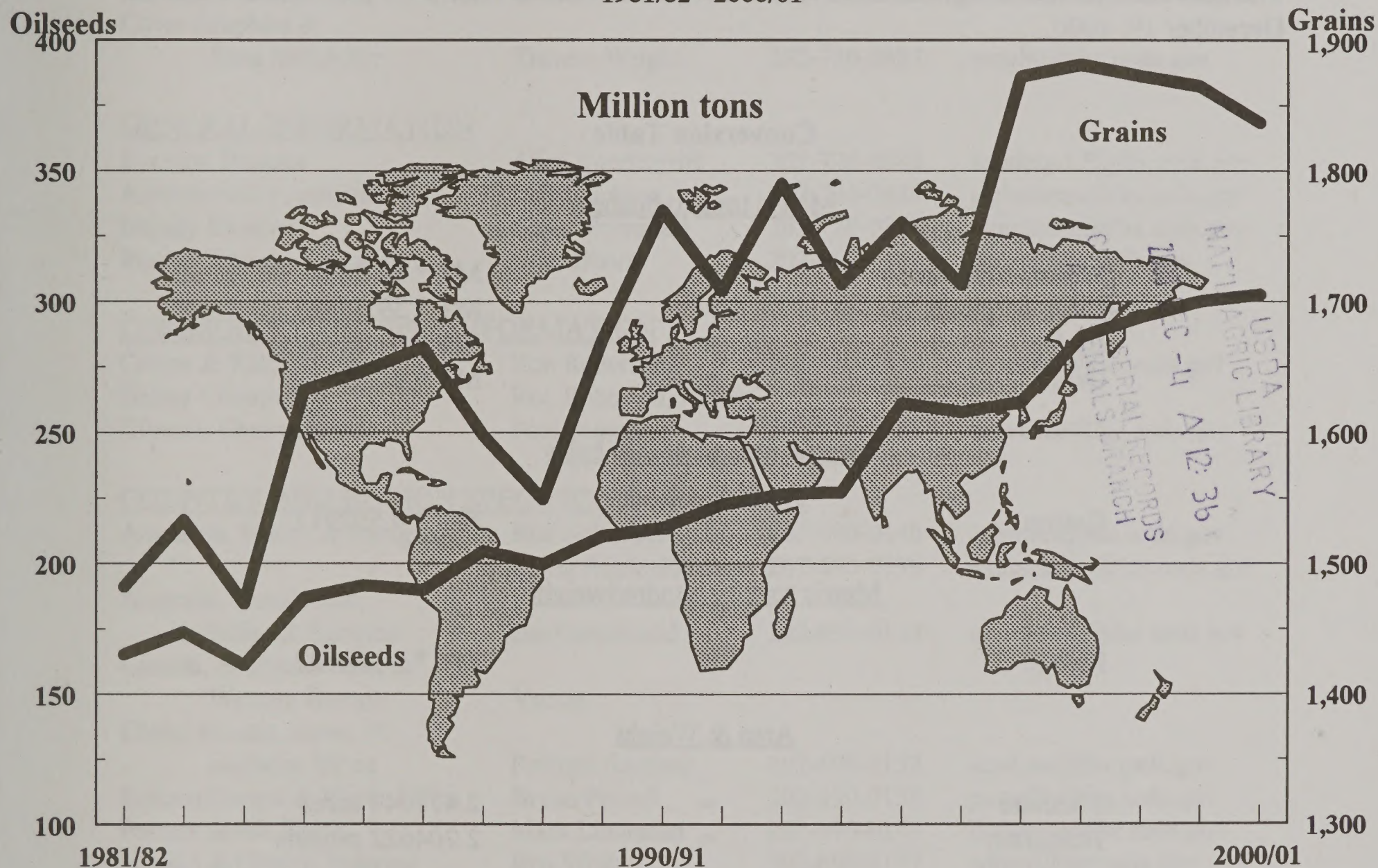
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World Oilseeds Production Growth Continues, Grains Dip

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World grain and oilseed production has trended higher over the past twenty years, with oilseeds growing at an annual rate of 3.2 percent and grains at 1.1 percent.

Large production the last couple of years has led to low international prices, while world harvested area of both grains and oilseeds declined in 2000/01. Higher average yield is forecast to boost world oilseed production to a new record. Total grain (wheat, coarse grains, and milled rice) production for 2000/01 is estimated at 1836.6 million tons, down 28.0 million or 2 percent from the previous year. Production of the seven major oilseeds (soybeans, rapeseed, cottonseed, peanuts, sunflowerseeds, copra, and palm kernel) is estimated at a record 302.5 million tons, up 2.4 million or 1 percent from 1999/2000.

This report uses information from the Foreign Agricultural Services' global network of agricultural attaches and counselors; official statistics of foreign governments and other foreign source materials; and the results of economic and satellite imagery analysis. Estimates of foreign area, yield and production are from the Production Estimates and Crop Assessment Division, FAS, and are reviewed by USDA's Inter-Agency Commodity Estimates Committees. Estimates of U.S. area, yield and production are from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Numbers within the report may not add to totals because of rounding. This report reflects official USDA estimates released in the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE-368), November 9, 2000.

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Metric tons to bushels

Wheat, soybeans	=	MT * 36.7437
Corn, sorghum, rye	=	MT * 39.36825
Barley	=	MT * 45.929625
Oats	=	MT * 68.894438

Metric tons to 480-lb bales

Cotton	=	MT * 4.592917
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Metric tons to hundredweight

Rice	=	MT * 22.04622
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Area & Weight

1 hectare	=	2.471044 acres
1kilogram	=	2.204622 pounds

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PRODUCTION BRIEFS

Argentina: Wheat Estimate Up Due to Higher Area and Favorable Weather

Wheat production is estimated at 16.5 million tons, up 1 million tons or 6 percent from last month and from last year. Area is estimated at 6.25 million hectares, up 0.15 million hectares from last month and nearly 0.2 million hectares or 3 percent above last year. Favorable local wheat prices at the time of planting drove area to the highest level in four years. Yield is estimated above average at 2.6 MT/Ha based on favorable October weather and positive reported crop conditions. Timely rainfall followed by periods of dry weather has been very beneficial. Rainfall totals for the month were at normal to above normal levels in much of the wheat-growing region, with some excess moisture reported in a few areas in north and northwest Buenos Aires and in Entre Rios. The only dry area is northern Santa Fe which has missed most of the rains this season but grows less than 1 percent of the wheat crop. In Buenos Aires, the crop is tillering to heading. In the Cordoba and Santa Fe, the crop is in heading to grain-filling stages. Harvest has begun in the far northern minor growing-areas. Most of the wheat will be harvested in December to January. The 1999/2000 wheat production estimate was also revised this month to 15.5 million tons, up 0.4 million tons or 3 percent from last month, based on export and milling data that indicated higher production.

Australia: Dry Weather Reduces Wheat Yield and Production Prospects

The 2000/01 wheat crop is estimated at 20.0 million tons, down 1.0 million or 5 percent from last month and down 4.1 million or 17 percent from last year's record. Estimated area

is unchanged at 11.7 million hectares. Yield reductions are anticipated due to the dry weather which has persisted through October in portions of the grain belt. Western Australia experienced delayed planting rains, followed by several weeks of below normal rainfall. During the month of October, the severity and extent of dryness in Western Australia has dramatically increased. Most of the southeastern Australia grain regions have experienced favorable weather this season; however, Western Australia's dry conditions will significantly impact Australia's total grain production this season.

Brazil: Increased Inputs and Favorable Weather Boost Soybean Crop

Brazil's 2000/01 soybean crop is forecast at 34.5 million tons, up 3 percent from last month, and 6 percent above last year's crop. Harvested area remains unchanged from last month at 13.4 million hectares, with a yield of 2.58 MT/Ha. Preliminary reports on planting intentions by Safras & Mercado suggest a year-to-year area decrease in the states of Parana (3.7%), Rio Grande do Sul (2.2%), and Santa Catarina (2.8%). Offsetting increases in planted area are projected for Bahia (4.8%), Goias (1.4%), Minas Gerais (2.5%), Mato Grosso (2.6%), and Mato Grosso do Sul (1.4%). Reports also indicate farm inputs (fertilizers, lime, and pesticides) are up significantly this year due to increased availability of credit, better prices, and overall attractiveness of the soybean crop due to its easy marketability.

Widespread showers during the first week of November boosted soil moisture supplies in the states of Sao Paulo, Minas Gerais, Mato Grosso do Sul, Mato Grosso, Goias, and

Bahia. Further south, the recent break in the rains helped revive planting operations in Santa Catarina, Parana and Rio Grande do Sul. Nationally, about 18 percent of the crop was planted by November 3, compared to 14 percent last year.

Romania: Drought Drops Corn Production Further

Corn production in Romania is estimated at 4.5 million tons, down 1.0 million or 18 percent from last month and down 57 percent from last year's 10.5 million ton bumper crop. Area harvested remains unchanged at 2.7 million hectares, the lowest since 1991 (2.6 MHa). This year's harvest is Romania's lowest corn crop in USDA's database, dating back to 1960. The 2000/01 season has been harsh throughout the Balkans, but particularly relentless in Romania, where drought has been most intense and high temperatures have set records throughout the growing season. The drought is Romania's worst in fifty years, and possibly the most severe in the last century. The moisture deficiency stunted corn growth, while record heat advanced the crop prematurely. Compounding matters, the country lacks a sufficient irrigation system to mitigate the effects of extreme dryness, and money was tight, limiting farmer's fertilizer and herbicide applications.

Hungary: Corn Production Reduced Because of Drought

The 2000/01 Hungarian corn crop is estimated at 4.5 million tons, down 500,000 or 10 percent from last month, and 36 percent from last year's bumper crop of 7.0 million tons. Area was reduced by 100,000 hectares from October to 1.1 million, and is 8 percent below last season's 1.2 MHa. The harvest should now be complete, and it has become obvious that the summer's extreme heat and dryness

has severely diminished the corn crop in Hungary. Additionally, due to heat damage and a hay shortage, a considerable amount of the crop has been cut early and will be used as silage.

Australia: 2000/01 Barley Production Forecast Decreased

The 2000/01 barley crop is estimated at 5.4 million tons, down 0.2 million or 4 percent from last month, but up 0.9 million or 20 percent from last year. Estimated area is unchanged at 3.0 million hectares. Moderate yield reductions are anticipated due to the dry weather which has persisted through October in portions of the grain belt. The second largest barley producing state, Western Australia, experienced delayed planting rains, followed by several weeks of below normal rainfall. During the month of October the severity and extent of dryness in Western Australia has dramatically increased and will now result in substantial reductions in barley yield.

Ukraine: Corn Crop up as Farms Gather Bumper Output

Ukraine corn production for 2000/01 is estimated at 3.5 million tons, up 1.5 million or 75 percent from last month and up 1.8 million or 106 percent from last year. Official harvest reports indicate that both yield and harvested area are up sharply from last year, despite dryness in eastern Ukraine – the country's prime corn region – during July and August.

Kazakhstan: Wheat Harvest Reports Indicate Favorable Harvest Conditions

Kazakhstan wheat production for 2000/01 is estimated at 9.5 million tons, up 0.5 million or 6 percent from last month, but down 1.7

million or 15 percent from last year. Although yield was down 22 percent from the near-record level achieved last year, estimated area increased nearly 9 percent, to 9.5 million hectares. Grain crops benefitted this year from generally favorable weather during the growing season and harvest campaign.

Yugoslavia: Corn Production Down from Past Summer Drought

Total 2000/01 corn production in the former Yugoslavia is estimated at 6.0 million tons, down 500,000 or 8 percent from last month and down 37 percent from a very good 1999/2000 crop of 9.5 million tons. Area is down 100,000 hectares from last month and 14 percent from last season. The production drop is a result of both drought and record heat, which became entrenched over the Balkans during the summer. The 2000/01 estimate of 6.0 million tons is Yugoslavia's lowest corn production number since the 1960s. The largest corn producers within

Yugoslavia are Serbia/Montenegro, Croatia, and Bosnia/Herzegovina. Serbia/Montenegro's 2000/01 corn production is about 3.6 million tons (6.1 million in 1999), while Croatia's production is estimated at 1.2 million tons (2.1 million in 1999). Bosnia/Herzegovina's 2000/01 production should also be significantly reduced from last year's 1.0 million tons.

Uzbekistan: Cotton Yield Potential Reduced by Drought

Uzbekistan cotton production for 2000/01 is estimated at 4.5 million bales, down 0.4 million or 8 percent from last month and down 0.7 million or 13 percent from last year. Yield potential was reduced this year because of a shortage of irrigation water in some western and northern oblasts. Roughly one-third of the country's cotton area was significantly affected by drought. Crop conditions elsewhere in the country were generally good throughout the growing season.

TABLE 1
U.S. Crop Acreage, Yield, and Production

COMMODITY	Planted Area			Harvested Area			Yield			Production				
	Prel.		Proj.	Prel.		Proj.	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		
	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.
	--Million acres--			--Million acres--			--Bushels per acre--			--Million bushels--				
All Wheat	65.8	62.7	62.5	59.0	53.8	53.0	43.2	42.7	42.1	41.9	2,547	2,299	2,239	2,223
	46.4	43.3	43.3	40.1	35.5	35.0	46.9	47.8	44.6	44.6	1,881	1,697	1,563	1,563
	19.4	19.4	19.2	18.9	18.3	18.0	35.2	32.9	37.1	36.7	666	602	676	660
Soybeans	72.0	73.7	74.5	70.4	72.4	73.0	38.9	36.6	38.7	38.0	2,741	2,654	2,823	2,777
Corn	80.2	77.4	79.6	72.6	70.5	73.0	134.4	133.8	139.6	137.7	9,759	9,437	10,192	10,054
Sorghum	9.6	9.3	9.0	7.7	8.5	7.7	67.3	69.7	60.7	60.4	520	595	465	463
Barley	6.3	5.2	5.8	5.9	4.7	5.2	60.0	59.2	61.4	61.1	352	280	320	318
Oats	4.9	4.7	4.5	2.8	2.5	2.3	60.2	59.6	64.4	64.2	166	146	150	149
							--Pounds per acre--			--Million CWT--				
Rice	3.3	3.5	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.1	5,663	5,866	6,230	6,236	184.4	206.0	192.2	192.4
										--Million 480-pound bales--				
All Cotton	13.4	14.9	15.5	10.7	13.4	13.5	625	607	620	622	13.9	17.0	17.5	17.5

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TABLE 2
World Crop Production Summary

Commodity	World	Total Foreign	North America		Europe		FSU-12	Asia				South America		Selected Other			All Others				
			United States	Canada	Mexico	Europe Union		Oth. Europe	W. Europe	Eastern Europe	China	India	Indonesia	Paki- stan	Thai- land	Argen- tina		Brazil	Aus- tralia	South Africa	Turkey
---Million metric tons---																					
Wheat																					
1998/99	588.4	519.1	69.3	24.1	3.2	103.1	0.9	33.2	56.1	109.7	66.4	0.0	18.7	0.0	12.4	2.2	22.1	1.5	18.0	47.4	
1999/00 prel.	586.3	523.8	62.6	26.9	3.1	96.9	0.9	28.6	65.2	113.9	70.8	0.0	17.9	0.0	15.5	2.5	24.1	1.6	16.5	39.5	
2000/01 proj.																					
Oct.	579.9	519.0	60.9	25.5	3.3	104.6	0.9	27.8	65.8	102.0	74.3	0.0	21.0	0.0	15.5	1.8	21.0	2.0	17.5	36.0	
Nov.	579.9	519.4	60.5	25.5	3.3	104.8	0.9	27.8	66.0	102.0	74.3	0.0	21.0	0.0	16.5	1.8	20.0	2.0	17.5	36.0	
Coarse Grains																					
1998/99	889.8	618.3	271.5	26.6	24.7	105.5	1.7	51.2	38.0	144.2	31.7	6.5	1.9	4.5	17.8	33.5	9.6	8.1	10.5	102.4	
1999/00 prel.	875.8	612.4	263.3	26.8	26.0	103.0	1.7	54.4	40.3	138.6	30.4	6.2	1.8	4.1	20.7	32.9	8.0	11.1	9.6	96.8	
2000/01 proj.																					
Oct.	863.0	582.9	280.1	24.4	26.0	108.2	1.7	39.0	45.3	114.6	31.5	6.2	1.8	4.6	19.8	37.1	8.9	8.9	10.4	94.4	
Nov.	859.1	582.6	276.5	24.4	26.0	108.4	1.7	37.1	46.8	114.6	31.5	6.2	1.8	4.6	19.8	37.1	8.8	9.0	10.4	94.4	
Rice (Milled)																					
1998/99	394.0	388.2	5.8	0.0	0.3	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.7	139.1	86.0	32.1	4.7	15.2	1.1	7.9	1.0	0.0	0.2	98.2	
1999/00 prel.	402.5	396.0	6.5	0.0	0.3	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.8	138.9	88.3	32.1	5.2	15.7	0.6	7.8	0.8	0.0	0.2	103.7	
2000/01 proj.																					
Oct.	397.3	391.3	6.1	0.0	0.3	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.6	136.5	88.5	32.1	4.3	15.9	0.6	7.4	1.0	0.0	0.2	102.3	
Nov.	397.7	391.6	6.1	0.0	0.3	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.6	136.5	88.5	32.1	4.3	15.9	0.4	7.4	1.0	0.0	0.2	102.8	
Total Grains 1/																					
1998/99	1,872.2	1,525.6	346.6	50.6	28.2	210.4	2.6	84.5	94.8	393.0	184.0	38.6	25.3	19.7	31.2	43.5	32.7	9.7	28.7	248.0	
1999/00 prel.	1,864.6	1,532.2	332.4	53.6	29.4	201.7	2.6	83.1	106.3	391.5	189.4	38.3	24.8	19.8	36.7	43.3	32.9	12.6	26.3	240.0	
2000/01 proj.																					
Oct.	1,840.3	1,493.2	347.1	49.9	29.6	214.4	2.6	66.8	111.7	353.1	194.3	38.3	27.1	20.5	35.9	46.3	30.9	10.9	28.1	232.8	
Nov.	1,836.6	1,493.6	343.0	49.9	29.6	214.8	2.6	64.8	113.4	353.1	194.3	38.3	27.1	20.5	36.7	46.3	29.8	10.9	28.1	233.3	
Oilseeds 2/																					
1998/99	294.1	209.8	84.4	10.5	0.6	15.2	0.1	5.2	9.0	44.4	24.9	2.2	3.7	0.5	27.8	32.3	3.1	1.5	2.1	26.8	
1999/00 prel.	300.1	217.7	82.3	11.7	0.5	16.5	0.1	6.3	11.0	45.3	22.9	2.4	4.3	0.5	27.5	33.8	3.7	0.9	2.1	28.4	
2000/01 proj.																					
Oct.	303.5	216.6	86.9	9.7	0.3	14.9	0.1	4.8	10.6	46.7	24.5	2.4	4.1	0.5	28.1	34.9	3.1	1.1	1.8	28.9	
Nov.	302.5	216.8	85.7	9.7	0.4	14.8	0.1	4.6	11.0	46.9	23.4	2.4	4.1	0.5	28.3	35.9	2.9	1.1	1.8	28.9	
Cotton																					
1998/99	84.7	70.8	13.9	0.0	1.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	6.6	20.7	12.7	0.0	6.3	0.0	0.9	2.1	3.3	0.2	3.9	10.7	
1999/00 prel.	87.1	70.1	17.0	0.0	0.7	2.6	0.0	0.0	7.3	17.6	12.3	0.0	8.6	0.0	0.6	2.9	3.3	0.1	3.7	10.4	
2000/01 proj.																					
Oct.	86.9	69.4	17.5	0.0	0.3	2.4	0.0	0.0	6.8	18.0	12.3	0.0	8.3	0.0	0.9	3.4	3.4	0.2	3.5	9.9	
Nov.	86.7	69.2	17.5	0.0	0.4	2.4	0.0	0.0	6.5	18.0	12.3	0.0	8.3	0.0	0.9	3.4	3.4	0.2	3.5	9.9	

---Million 480 pound bales---

1/ Includes wheat, coarse grains, and rice (milled) shown above.

2/ Includes soybean, cottonseed, peanut (inshell), sunflowerseed, rapeseed for individual countries. Copra and palm kernel are added to world totals.

Note: Entries of 0.0 indicate no reported or insignificant production.

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TABLE 3
Wheat Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area			Yield			Production			Change in Production			
	Prel.			Prel.			Prel.			From last month		From last year	
	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01 Proj.	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01 Proj.	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01 Proj.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	224.72	216.39	214.53	2.62	2.71	2.70	588.39	586.34	579.91	-0.04	-0.01	-6.47	-1.10
United States	23.88	21.78	21.54	2.90	2.87	2.83	69.33	62.57	60.94	-0.43	-0.71	-2.06	-3.29
Total Foreign	200.84	194.61	192.98	2.58	2.69	2.69	519.06	523.77	518.97	0.39	0.07	-4.41	-0.84
Major Exporters													
European Union	44.58	45.41	46.31	3.63	3.60	3.60	161.67	163.34	166.60	0.17	0.10	3.43	2.10
France	17.09	17.02	17.61	6.03	5.69	5.94	103.09	96.89	104.60	0.17	0.16	7.88	8.13
United Kingdom	5.23	5.12	5.00	7.60	7.23	7.50	39.79	37.01	37.50	0.00	0.00	0.49	1.33
Germany	2.05	1.85	2.10	7.56	8.05	7.86	15.47	14.87	16.50	0.30	1.82	1.93	12.98
Canada	2.80	2.60	2.90	7.20	7.54	7.34	20.19	19.62	21.30	0.30	1.41	1.99	10.12
Australia	10.77	10.36	10.90	2.24	2.59	2.34	24.08	26.85	25.50	0.00	0.00	-1.35	-5.03
Argentina	11.58	11.95	11.70	1.91	2.02	1.79	22.11	24.10	21.00	-1.00	-4.76	-4.10	-17.01
	5.13	6.07	6.25	2.42	2.55	2.54	12.40	15.50	15.50	1.00	6.45	1.00	6.45
Major Importers													
China	96.94	90.26	89.08	2.32	2.53	2.41	225.28	228.69	214.39	0.20	0.09	-14.10	-6.17
FSU-12	29.77	28.86	27.00	3.69	3.95	3.78	109.73	113.88	102.00	0.00	0.00	-11.88	-10.43
Russia	44.90	41.70	41.82	1.25	1.56	1.57	56.13	65.19	66.04	0.20	0.30	0.85	1.30
Ukraine	26.10	23.00	23.00	1.03	1.35	1.59	27.00	31.00	36.50	0.00	0.00	5.50	17.74
Kazakhstan	5.64	5.90	5.70	2.65	2.29	1.93	14.94	13.50	11.00	0.00	0.00	-2.50	-18.52
Baltic States	9.10	8.73	9.00	0.52	1.28	1.00	4.70	11.20	9.00	0.50	5.56	-1.70	-15.18
Eastern Europe	0.56	0.53	0.54	2.71	2.50	2.62	1.52	1.32	1.40	0.00	0.00	0.08	5.98
Poland	9.58	8.30	8.78	3.47	3.45	3.16	33.23	28.65	27.75	0.00	0.00	-0.90	-3.12
Iran	2.63	2.58	2.60	3.62	3.50	3.23	9.54	9.05	8.40	0.00	0.00	-0.65	-7.19
Egypt	6.60	6.00	6.00	1.82	1.42	1.25	12.00	8.50	7.50	0.00	0.00	-1.00	-11.76
Morocco	1.02	1.00	1.10	6.00	6.55	6.00	6.10	6.55	6.60	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.76
Brazil	3.09	2.70	2.50	1.42	0.78	0.60	4.38	2.10	1.50	0.00	0.00	-0.60	-28.57
	1.43	1.19	1.35	1.54	2.11	1.33	2.19	2.50	1.80	0.00	0.00	-0.70	-28.00
Other Foreign													
India	59.33	58.94	57.59	2.23	2.24	2.40	132.12	131.74	137.99	0.02	0.01	6.26	4.75
Turkey	26.70	27.40	26.74	2.49	2.58	2.78	66.35	70.78	74.30	0.00	0.00	3.52	4.97
Pakistan	8.55	8.65	8.65	2.11	1.91	2.02	18.00	16.50	17.50	0.00	0.00	1.00	6.06
Mexico	8.36	8.23	8.60	2.24	2.17	2.44	18.69	17.85	21.00	0.00	0.00	3.15	17.62
Saudi Arabia	0.77	0.70	0.75	4.21	4.43	4.40	3.24	3.10	3.30	0.00	0.00	0.20	6.45
South Africa	0.34	0.34	0.34	5.37	5.37	5.37	1.80	1.80	1.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	0.75	0.72	0.85	2.05	2.17	2.29	1.53	1.56	1.95	0.03	1.54	0.42	26.84
	13.87	12.91	11.67	1.62	1.56	1.55	22.51	20.15	18.14	-0.01	-0.08	-2.02	-10.04

TABLE 4

Total Coarse Grain Area, Yield, and Production

World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	307.99	302.63	300.77	300.97	2.89	2.89	2.87	2.85	889.82	875.78	863.02	859.06	-3.96	-0.46	-16.72	-1.91
United States	36.16	35.07	35.87	35.82	7.51	7.51	7.81	7.72	271.47	263.34	280.11	276.46	-3.66	-1.31	13.11	4.98
Total Foreign	271.83	267.56	264.90	265.15	2.27	2.29	2.20	2.20	618.35	612.44	582.91	582.61	-0.30	-0.05	-29.83	-4.87
Major Exporters	49.96	49.80	48.12	48.17	4.13	4.12	3.67	3.67	206.25	205.15	176.69	176.62	-0.07	-0.04	-28.53	-13.91
Canada	7.38	6.94	7.18	7.18	3.60	3.86	3.41	3.41	26.57	26.77	24.45	24.45	0.00	0.00	-2.32	-8.67
Argentina	3.88	4.46	4.23	4.23	4.57	4.64	4.68	4.68	17.75	20.66	19.82	19.82	0.00	0.00	-0.85	-4.11
Australia	4.84	3.82	4.54	4.59	1.98	2.10	1.96	1.92	9.60	8.01	8.91	8.81	-0.10	-1.12	0.80	9.95
South Africa	4.50	4.83	4.33	4.33	1.81	2.29	2.06	2.07	8.14	11.08	8.92	8.96	0.03	0.39	-2.12	-19.12
China	29.36	29.75	27.85	27.85	4.91	4.66	4.11	4.11	144.19	138.64	114.60	114.60	0.00	0.00	-24.04	-17.34
Major Importers	81.45	78.10	78.07	78.27	2.75	2.91	2.85	2.84	223.70	227.42	222.28	222.05	-0.23	-0.11	-5.37	-2.36
FSU-12	33.52	31.57	32.22	32.57	1.13	1.28	1.40	1.44	37.97	40.35	45.27	46.77	1.50	3.31	6.42	15.91
Russia	22.05	20.60	20.20	20.20	0.86	1.06	1.29	1.29	18.95	21.80	26.00	26.00	0.00	0.00	4.20	19.27
Ukraine	5.92	5.54	6.45	6.80	1.75	1.80	1.66	1.79	10.35	9.95	10.70	12.20	1.50	14.02	2.25	22.61
Kazakhstan	2.17	2.03	2.15	2.15	0.64	1.34	1.06	1.06	1.39	2.72	2.27	2.27	0.00	0.00	-0.45	-16.39
Baltic States	1.20	1.12	1.12	1.12	2.16	1.76	1.92	1.92	2.58	1.97	2.14	2.14	0.00	0.00	0.17	8.63
European Union	20.10	19.06	19.24	19.24	5.25	5.41	5.62	5.63	105.55	103.05	108.15	108.39	0.24	0.22	5.34	5.19
Germany	4.33	4.03	4.04	4.05	5.63	6.16	5.84	5.83	24.39	24.84	23.60	23.60	0.00	0.00	-1.24	-4.98
France	3.92	3.75	3.77	3.76	7.22	7.32	7.50	7.50	28.28	27.43	28.23	28.22	-0.01	-0.05	0.79	2.87
Eastern Europe	16.07	15.97	14.98	14.82	3.19	3.41	2.61	2.50	51.24	54.41	39.03	37.06	-1.97	-5.05	-17.35	-31.89
Poland	6.21	6.13	6.03	6.03	2.84	2.73	2.31	2.31	17.62	16.70	13.94	13.94	0.00	0.00	-2.76	-16.55
Romania	3.80	3.83	3.30	3.30	2.54	3.12	2.00	1.71	9.64	11.95	6.61	5.66	-0.95	-14.38	-6.29	-52.66
Czech Rep.	0.74	0.69	0.64	0.64	3.68	4.01	3.43	3.43	2.74	2.77	2.18	2.18	0.00	0.00	-0.59	-21.36
Mexico	10.22	10.01	10.15	10.15	2.42	2.59	2.56	2.56	24.70	25.95	26.00	26.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.19
Other W. Europe	0.35	0.37	0.37	0.37	4.80	4.58	4.58	4.58	1.67	1.70	1.70	1.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Foreign	140.43	139.67	138.72	138.72	1.34	1.29	1.33	1.33	188.39	179.87	183.94	183.93	-0.00	-0.00	4.07	2.26
Thailand	1.45	1.31	1.36	1.36	3.10	3.13	3.38	3.38	4.50	4.10	4.60	4.60	0.00	0.00	0.50	12.20
India	29.52	29.56	29.65	29.65	1.07	1.03	1.06	1.06	31.67	30.40	31.50	31.50	0.00	0.00	1.10	3.62
Brazil	12.92	13.06	13.66	13.66	2.59	2.52	2.72	2.72	33.46	32.91	37.10	37.10	0.00	0.00	4.19	12.73
Turkey	4.63	4.63	4.68	4.68	2.26	2.08	2.23	2.23	10.48	9.62	10.42	10.42	0.00	0.00	0.80	8.32
Indonesia	3.20	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.03	2.07	2.07	2.07	6.50	6.20	6.20	6.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Philippines	2.77	2.70	2.50	2.50	1.77	1.67	1.72	1.72	4.89	4.50	4.30	4.30	0.00	0.00	-0.20	-4.44
Others	85.95	85.41	83.87	83.87	1.13	1.08	1.07	1.07	96.89	92.14	89.82	89.82	-0.00	-0.00	-2.32	-2.52

TABLE 5
Corn Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	139.18	140.24	139.07	139.27	4.35	4.31	4.26	4.22	605.55	605.12	592.36	588.39	-3.97	-0.67	-16.74	-2.77
United States	29.38	28.55	29.55	29.55	8.44	8.40	8.76	8.64	247.88	239.72	258.88	255.38	-3.50	-1.35	15.66	6.53
Total Foreign	109.80	111.70	109.52	109.72	3.26	3.27	3.04	3.04	357.67	365.41	333.47	333.00	-0.47	-0.14	-32.40	-8.87
Major Exporters	31.41	32.87	30.30	30.30	4.91	4.71	4.26	4.26	154.18	154.87	129.00	129.00	0.00	0.00	-25.87	-16.70
Argentina	2.61	3.10	2.90	2.90	5.18	5.23	5.34	5.34	13.50	16.20	15.50	15.50	0.00	0.00	-0.70	-4.32
South Africa	3.57	3.87	3.40	3.40	2.17	2.74	2.50	2.50	7.72	10.58	8.50	8.50	0.00	0.00	-2.08	-19.69
China	25.24	25.90	24.00	24.00	5.27	4.94	4.38	4.38	132.95	128.09	105.00	105.00	0.00	0.00	-23.09	-18.02
Major Importers	21.40	21.08	21.15	21.35	3.94	4.36	3.94	3.88	84.22	91.93	83.26	82.79	-0.47	-0.56	-9.15	-9.95
Eastern Europe	6.86	7.03	6.54	6.39	3.71	4.33	3.01	2.77	25.43	30.44	19.68	17.66	-2.02	-10.26	-12.78	-41.98
Romania	3.00	3.00	2.70	2.70	2.67	3.50	2.04	1.67	8.00	10.50	5.50	4.50	-1.00	-18.18	-6.00	-57.14
Yugoslavia	2.09	2.10	1.90	1.80	4.17	4.52	3.42	3.33	8.70	9.50	6.50	6.00	-0.50	-7.69	-3.50	-36.84
European Union	4.13	4.15	4.20	4.20	8.54	8.98	9.17	9.18	35.30	37.22	38.54	38.59	0.05	0.13	1.37	3.69
France	1.80	1.76	1.78	1.78	8.45	8.87	9.01	9.01	15.20	15.63	16.00	16.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	2.37
Italy	0.97	1.03	1.10	1.10	8.88	9.70	9.82	9.82	8.60	10.00	10.80	10.80	0.00	0.00	0.80	8.00
Mexico	7.90	7.70	7.80	7.80	2.25	2.47	2.44	2.44	17.79	19.00	19.00	19.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FSU-12	2.44	2.16	2.56	2.91	2.19	2.30	2.23	2.48	5.35	4.95	5.71	7.21	1.50	26.29	2.26	45.67
Russia	0.79	0.60	0.90	0.90	1.02	1.83	2.22	2.22	0.80	1.10	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.90	81.82
Ukraine	0.91	0.70	0.85	1.20	2.53	2.43	2.35	2.92	2.30	1.70	2.00	3.50	1.50	75.00	1.80	105.88
Other W. Europe	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	8.41	8.80	8.80	8.80	0.19	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	4.17	4.12	4.23	4.23	0.17	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.80
Other Foreign	56.99	57.75	58.07	58.07	2.09	2.05	2.09	2.09	119.27	118.60	121.22	121.22	-0.00	-0.00	2.61	2.20
Thailand	1.29	1.15	1.20	1.20	3.33	3.39	3.67	3.67	4.30	3.90	4.40	4.40	0.00	0.00	0.50	12.82
Brazil	12.25	12.50	13.00	13.00	2.64	2.56	2.77	2.77	32.35	32.00	36.00	36.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	12.50
India	6.08	6.51	6.60	6.60	1.76	1.76	1.82	1.82	10.68	11.47	12.00	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.53	4.62
Canada	1.12	1.15	1.10	1.10	8.01	7.91	6.82	6.82	8.95	9.10	7.50	7.50	0.00	0.00	-1.60	-17.55
Indonesia	3.20	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.03	2.07	2.07	2.07	6.50	6.20	6.20	6.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Philippines	2.77	2.70	2.50	2.50	1.77	1.67	1.72	1.72	4.89	4.50	4.30	4.30	0.00	0.00	-0.20	-4.44
Egypt	0.74	0.73	0.75	0.75	7.61	7.78	7.73	7.73	5.61	5.68	5.80	5.80	0.00	0.00	0.12	2.15
Zimbabwe	1.45	1.40	1.20	1.20	1.03	1.21	1.00	1.00	1.50	1.70	1.20	1.20	0.00	0.00	-0.50	-29.41
Others	28.10	28.61	28.72	28.72	1.58	1.54	1.53	1.53	44.49	44.06	43.82	43.82	-0.00	-0.00	-0.24	-0.55

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TABLE 6
Barley Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area					Yield					Production					Change in Production			
	Prel. 2000/01 Proj.					Prel. 2000/01 Proj.					Prel. 2000/01 Proj.					From last month		From last year	
	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	Proj.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	Proj.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent	
	Million hectares					Metric tons per hectare					Million metric tons								
World	61.00	56.26	55.11	55.07		2.24	2.27	2.40	2.40		136.76	127.55	132.20	132.18	-0.01	-0.01	4.63	3.63	
United States	2.37	1.92	2.11	2.11		3.23	3.19	3.31	3.29		7.67	6.10	6.97	6.92	-0.05	-0.72	0.82	13.40	
Total Foreign	58.63	54.34	53.00	52.97		2.20	2.23	2.36	2.36		129.09	121.45	125.23	125.26	0.04	0.03	3.82	3.14	
European Union	11.47	10.85	10.74	10.71		4.52	4.51	4.81	4.83		51.91	48.89	51.62	51.77	0.15	0.29	2.87	5.88	
Denmark	0.69	0.72	0.76	0.76		5.20	5.06	5.39	5.39		3.57	3.62	4.10	4.10	0.00	0.00	0.48	13.26	
France	1.63	1.53	1.55	1.55		6.49	6.23	6.45	6.45		10.59	9.55	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.45	4.71	
Germany	2.24	2.21	2.10	2.07		5.60	6.02	5.81	5.85		12.51	13.30	12.20	12.10	-0.10	-0.82	-1.20	-9.03	
Italy	0.36	0.35	0.30	0.30		3.80	3.81	4.33	3.83		1.38	1.33	1.30	1.15	-0.15	-11.54	-0.18	-13.47	
Spain	3.53	3.11	3.25	3.25		3.09	2.39	3.32	3.32		10.90	7.43	10.80	10.80	0.00	0.00	3.37	45.28	
United Kingdom	1.26	1.18	1.10	1.10		5.28	5.59	5.73	6.09		6.63	6.58	6.30	6.70	0.40	6.35	0.12	1.82	
FSU-12	18.13	17.07	16.48	16.48		1.08	1.25	1.46	1.46		19.66	21.36	23.99	23.99	0.00	0.00	2.62	12.27	
Russia	11.28	10.50	9.30	9.30		0.87	1.01	1.40	1.40		9.80	10.60	13.00	13.00	0.00	0.00	2.40	22.64	
Ukraine	3.57	3.47	4.00	4.00		1.65	1.84	1.63	1.63		5.88	6.40	6.50	6.50	0.00	0.00	0.10	1.56	
Kazakstan	1.80	1.70	1.80	1.80		0.61	1.32	1.11	1.11		1.10	2.25	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	-0.25	-11.11	
Baltic States	0.79	0.75	0.75	0.75		2.19	1.71	1.91	1.91		1.73	1.28	1.43	1.43	0.00	0.00	0.15	11.54	
Eastern Europe	3.44	3.25	2.96	2.96		3.09	2.97	2.64	2.65		10.64	9.67	7.81	7.86	0.05	0.64	-1.82	-18.78	
Poland	1.14	1.11	1.10	1.10		3.17	3.07	2.64	2.64		3.61	3.40	2.90	2.90	0.00	0.00	-0.50	-14.73	
Czech Rep.	0.58	0.54	0.50	0.50		3.61	3.94	3.30	3.30		2.09	2.14	1.65	1.65	0.00	0.00	-0.49	-22.79	
Romania	0.55	0.55	0.35	0.35		2.25	1.85	2.00	2.14		1.24	1.02	0.70	0.75	0.05	7.14	-0.27	-26.11	
Canada	4.27	4.07	4.50	4.50		2.98	3.24	2.89	2.89		12.71	13.20	13.00	13.00	0.00	0.00	-0.20	-1.49	
Other W. Europe	0.21	0.23	0.23	0.23		4.62	4.19	4.19	4.19		0.95	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Norway	0.16	0.18	0.18	0.18		3.92	3.53	3.53	3.53		0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Turkey	3.60	3.55	3.60	3.60		2.08	1.86	2.06	2.06		7.50	6.60	7.40	7.40	0.00	0.00	0.80	12.12	
Australia	3.09	2.29	3.00	3.00		1.84	1.96	1.87	1.80		5.68	4.50	5.60	5.40	-0.20	-3.57	0.90	20.00	
China	1.20	1.00	1.00	1.00		2.92	3.00	3.00	3.00		3.50	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Morocco	2.43	2.10	1.50	1.50		0.81	0.67	0.40	0.40		1.97	1.40	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00	-0.80	-57.14	
India	0.76	0.78	0.75	0.75		2.22	1.88	2.00	2.00		1.68	1.47	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.03	2.04	
Others	9.25	8.39	7.49	7.50		1.21	1.09	1.11	1.12		11.17	9.13	8.35	8.38	0.04	0.42	-0.74	-8.16	

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TABLE 7
Oats Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.				Prel.				Prel.				From last month			
	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons				MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	15.54	14.35	14.12	14.09	1.67	1.73	1.75	1.75	25.99	24.77	24.65	24.63	-0.02	-0.06	-0.13	-0.54
United States	1.12	0.99	0.95	0.94	2.16	2.14	2.31	2.30	2.41	2.12	2.18	2.17	-0.02	-0.73	0.04	2.07
Total Foreign	14.42	13.36	13.17	13.15	1.64	1.69	1.71	1.71	23.58	22.64	22.47	22.47	0.00	0.00	-0.18	-0.78
FSU-12	6.24	5.48	5.44	5.44	0.99	1.08	1.08	1.08	6.17	5.93	5.90	5.90	0.00	0.00	-0.03	-0.47
Russia	5.23	4.50	4.50	4.50	0.88	0.98	1.00	1.00	4.60	4.40	4.50	4.50	0.00	0.00	0.10	2.27
Ukraine	0.55	0.53	0.53	0.53	1.42	1.43	1.33	1.33	0.78	0.76	0.70	0.70	0.00	0.00	-0.06	-7.89
Belarus	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	2.33	1.83	2.00	2.00	0.70	0.55	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.05	9.09
Baltic States	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	2.11	1.77	1.83	1.83	0.32	0.27	0.28	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.01	3.00
Maj. Foreign Exporters	2.78	2.56	2.46	2.46	2.24	2.21	2.14	2.14	6.22	5.67	5.25	5.25	0.00	0.00	-0.42	-7.39
Canada	1.59	1.40	1.33	1.33	2.49	2.60	2.49	2.49	3.96	3.64	3.30	3.30	0.00	0.00	-0.34	-9.37
Australia	0.95	0.83	0.85	0.85	1.99	1.78	1.76	1.76	1.88	1.48	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.02	1.69
Argentina	0.24	0.34	0.28	0.28	1.60	1.65	1.61	1.61	0.38	0.55	0.45	0.45	0.00	0.00	-0.10	-18.63
Other Foreign	5.25	5.16	5.13	5.11	2.07	2.09	2.15	2.16	10.87	10.78	11.04	11.04	0.00	0.00	0.26	2.43
China	0.55	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.18	1.20	1.20	1.20	0.65	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
European Union	1.97	1.92	1.95	1.93	3.13	3.18	3.44	3.48	6.15	6.12	6.72	6.72	0.00	0.00	0.61	9.94
France	0.14	0.12	0.11	0.11	4.73	4.51	4.55	4.55	0.66	0.55	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-9.09
Germany	0.30	0.27	0.26	0.24	4.22	5.00	4.31	4.68	1.28	1.34	1.10	1.10	0.00	0.00	-0.24	-17.85
Italy	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.15	2.00	2.42	2.47	2.47	0.28	0.35	0.37	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.02	6.94
Finland	0.39	0.39	0.40	0.40	2.52	2.54	3.50	3.50	0.98	0.99	1.40	1.40	0.00	0.00	0.41	41.41
Sweden	0.31	0.31	0.32	0.32	3.65	3.87	4.13	4.13	1.14	1.20	1.30	1.30	0.00	0.00	0.10	8.33
Eastern Europe	1.10	1.15	1.14	1.14	2.28	2.21	1.97	1.97	2.50	2.54	2.25	2.25	0.00	0.00	-0.30	-11.65
Czech Rep.	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	3.10	3.18	2.73	2.73	0.18	0.18	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-14.29
Poland	0.56	0.57	0.60	0.60	2.60	2.53	2.13	2.13	1.46	1.45	1.28	1.28	0.00	0.00	-0.17	-11.83
Yugoslavia	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	1.99	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.27	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Norway	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	4.23	4.25	4.25	4.25	0.39	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Turkey	0.17	0.15	0.15	0.15	1.80	1.72	1.72	1.72	0.31	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	1.37	1.35	1.29	1.29	0.64	0.64	0.63	0.63	0.88	0.86	0.81	0.81	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-5.80

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TABLE 8

Rye Area, Yield, and Production

World and Selected Countries and Regions

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TABLE 9
Sorghum Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	1998/99		1999/00		1998/99		1999/00		1998/99		1999/00		From last month		From last year	
	Prel.	2000/01 Proj.	Prel.	2000/01 Proj.	Prel.	2000/01 Proj.	Prel.	2000/01 Proj.	Prel.	2000/01 Proj.	Prel.	2000/01 Proj.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
		Oct.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.			
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	40.32	41.06	40.79	40.84	1.47	1.44	1.35	1.35	59.17	59.10	54.98	55.02	0.04	0.08	-4.08	-6.90
United States	3.13	3.46	3.10	3.10	4.23	4.37	3.81	3.79	13.21	15.12	11.82	11.77	-0.05	-0.45	-3.35	-22.17
Total Foreign	37.19	37.61	37.69	37.74	1.24	1.17	1.15	1.15	45.96	43.98	43.16	43.26	0.10	0.22	-0.72	-1.65
India	9.98	10.52	10.30	10.30	0.87	0.82	0.87	0.87	8.71	8.65	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00	0.35	4.05
China	0.97	0.95	0.95	0.95	4.22	4.16	3.16	3.16	4.09	3.95	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	-0.95	-24.05
Mexico	1.95	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.28	3.20	3.20	3.20	6.40	6.40	6.40	6.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nigeria	6.60	6.60	6.60	6.60	1.11	1.14	1.09	1.09	7.30	7.50	7.20	7.20	0.00	0.00	-0.30	-4.00
Sudan	6.00	5.80	6.00	6.00	0.75	0.41	0.42	0.42	4.50	2.35	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.00	0.15	6.38
Argentina	0.74	0.72	0.75	0.75	4.38	4.63	4.40	4.40	3.22	3.35	3.30	3.30	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-1.49
Australia	0.68	0.57	0.55	0.60	2.47	2.85	2.55	2.50	1.66	1.61	1.40	1.50	0.10	7.14	-0.11	-7.01
Ethiopia	1.45	1.60	1.60	1.60	0.83	0.91	0.91	0.91	1.20	1.45	1.45	1.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Colombia	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	2.92	3.00	2.83	2.83	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.03
Venezuela	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.54	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Egypt	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	4.78	4.84	4.69	4.69	0.77	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yemen	0.38	0.40	0.40	0.40	1.00	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.38	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tanzania	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.85	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.43	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Niger	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	0.47	0.43	0.40	0.40	0.70	0.65	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-7.69
South Africa	0.10	0.14	0.13	0.13	1.58	2.48	1.92	1.92	0.16	0.35	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	-0.10	-28.98
Thailand	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	5.74	5.69	5.79	5.79	1.00	0.96	1.00	1.00	5.71	5.47	5.81	5.81	-0.00	-0.05	0.34	6.14

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TABLE 10
Rice Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield (Rough)				Production (Milled)				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	152.35	153.90	151.86	151.71	3.84	3.89	3.89	3.90	394.00	402.49	397.34	397.71	0.38	0.09	-4.77	-1.19
United States	1.32	1.42	1.25	1.25	6.35	6.58	6.99	6.99	5.80	6.46	6.06	6.07	0.01	0.10	-0.39	-6.09
Total Foreign	151.03	152.47	150.61	150.47	3.82	3.86	3.86	3.87	388.21	396.03	391.28	391.65	0.37	0.09	-4.38	-1.11
Major Exporters	64.43	64.46	64.40	64.23	2.94	3.03	3.02	3.03	125.96	129.81	129.40	129.25	-0.15	-0.12	-0.56	-0.43
Vietnam	7.58	7.66	7.70	7.53	4.02	4.10	4.08	4.15	20.11	20.75	20.75	20.60	-0.15	-0.72	-0.15	-0.72
Thailand	9.83	9.78	9.85	9.85	2.34	2.42	2.44	2.44	15.18	15.65	15.85	15.85	0.00	0.00	0.20	1.28
India	44.60	44.50	44.60	44.60	2.89	2.98	2.98	2.98	86.00	88.25	88.50	88.50	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.28
Pakistan	2.42	2.52	2.25	2.25	2.89	3.08	2.87	2.87	4.67	5.16	4.30	4.30	0.00	0.00	-0.86	-16.60
Major Importers	22.57	22.71	22.38	22.38	3.64	3.68	3.67	3.67	52.71	53.60	52.55	52.55	0.00	0.00	-1.04	-1.95
Indonesia	11.85	11.65	11.65	11.65	4.29	4.36	4.36	4.36	32.10	32.10	32.10	32.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Brazil	3.70	3.65	3.55	3.55	3.13	3.16	3.07	3.07	7.88	7.84	7.40	7.40	0.00	0.00	-0.44	-5.65
European Union	0.41	0.40	0.40	0.40	6.60	6.70	6.43	6.43	1.75	1.73	1.66	1.66	0.00	0.00	-0.07	-4.06
Iran	0.60	0.55	0.45	0.45	4.63	4.23	4.00	4.00	1.85	1.55	1.20	1.20	0.00	0.00	-0.35	-22.58
Philippines	3.63	3.99	3.88	3.88	2.83	3.00	3.02	3.02	6.67	7.77	7.60	7.60	0.00	0.00	-0.17	-2.21
Nigeria	1.65	1.66	1.65	1.65	1.92	2.01	2.02	2.02	1.90	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Foreign	64.03	65.31	63.83	63.86	4.77	4.75	4.78	4.79	209.54	212.63	209.33	209.85	0.52	0.25	-2.78	-1.31
China	31.21	31.28	30.30	30.30	6.37	6.34	6.44	6.44	139.10	138.94	136.50	136.50	0.00	0.00	-2.44	-1.75
Burma	5.60	5.80	5.80	5.80	2.86	2.93	2.91	2.91	9.30	9.86	9.80	9.80	0.00	0.00	-0.06	-0.61
Bangladesh	9.69	10.70	10.50	10.50	3.07	3.02	3.04	3.04	19.85	21.53	21.30	21.30	0.00	0.00	-0.23	-1.07
Japan	1.80	1.78	1.70	1.76	6.22	6.44	6.54	6.72	8.15	8.35	8.10	8.62	0.52	6.42	0.27	3.23
South Korea	1.06	1.07	1.05	1.07	6.42	6.58	6.54	6.59	5.10	5.26	5.15	5.30	0.15	2.91	0.04	0.70
Egypt	0.50	0.63	0.63	0.63	8.33	8.62	8.55	8.55	2.65	3.53	3.50	3.50	0.00	0.00	-0.03	-0.79
Taiwan	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	5.19	5.46	5.46	5.46	1.31	1.40	1.40	1.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FSU-12	0.44	0.47	0.37	0.37	2.60	2.56	2.60	2.60	0.74	0.79	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.00	-0.16	-19.70
Russia	0.15	0.17	0.17	0.17	2.84	2.62	2.62	2.62	0.27	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Australia	0.15	0.13	0.16	0.16	9.14	8.09	8.55	8.55	0.99	0.78	0.97	0.97	0.00	0.00	0.20	25.42
Others	13.22	13.07	12.95	12.90	2.60	2.61	2.61	2.60	22.34	22.20	21.97	21.82	-0.15	-0.68	-0.38	-1.69

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TABLE 11

Total Oilseed Area, Yield, and Production

World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World Total 1/ Total Foreign 1/ Copra Palm Kernel	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	294.13	300.05	303.55	302.50	-1.04	-0.34	2.45	0.82
	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	209.77	217.74	216.65	216.82	0.18	0.08	-0.91	-0.42
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Major Oilseeds 2/ United States 2/	172.23	175.55	173.82	174.51	1.65	1.65	1.68	1.67	284.19	288.82	291.97	290.92	-1.04	-0.36	2.11	0.73
	35.28	37.15	37.31	37.30	2.39	2.22	2.33	2.30	84.36	82.32	86.90	85.68	-1.22	-1.41	3.36	4.09
Foreign Oilseeds 2/ South America	136.96	138.41	136.51	137.21	1.46	1.49	1.50	1.50	199.82	206.50	205.07	205.24	0.18	0.09	-1.26	-0.61
Brazil	29.18	29.09	29.45	29.63	2.22	2.26	2.30	2.33	64.67	65.83	67.80	69.07	1.27	1.87	3.23	4.91
Argentina	13.74	14.29	14.43	14.43	2.35	2.36	2.42	2.49	32.28	33.76	34.94	35.94	1.00	2.86	2.18	6.46
Paraguay	13.04	12.60	12.65	12.78	2.13	2.18	2.22	2.21	27.80	27.47	28.05	28.30	0.25	0.89	0.83	3.04
China	1.43	1.40	1.47	1.52	2.24	2.22	2.18	2.12	3.20	3.10	3.20	3.22	0.02	0.62	0.12	4.01
India	24.25	23.87	25.80	25.85	1.83	1.90	1.81	1.81	44.37	45.26	46.66	46.85	0.19	0.41	1.59	3.51
European Union	32.55	31.23	30.40	31.00	0.76	0.73	0.81	0.75	24.85	22.90	24.50	23.40	-1.10	-4.49	0.50	2.18
France	6.40	6.54	5.97	5.97	2.37	2.52	2.49	2.49	15.17	16.50	14.89	14.84	-0.05	-0.34	-1.66	-10.08
Italy	2.06	2.29	2.04	2.04	2.75	2.88	2.75	2.79	5.66	6.57	5.62	5.67	0.05	0.89	-0.90	-13.70
Germany	0.79	0.57	0.55	0.55	2.07	2.39	2.49	2.40	1.64	1.36	1.37	1.32	-0.05	-3.65	-0.04	-2.87
Spain	1.05	1.24	1.13	1.13	3.33	3.48	2.99	3.21	3.48	4.31	3.39	3.64	0.25	7.38	-0.67	-15.52
United Kingdom	1.14	1.01	0.99	0.99	1.16	0.82	1.42	1.42	1.33	0.82	1.41	1.41	0.00	0.00	0.59	71.59
FSU-12	0.53	0.54	0.45	0.45	2.95	3.23	3.33	2.67	1.57	1.73	1.50	1.20	-0.30	-20.00	-0.53	-30.76
Russia	10.24	12.30	11.26	11.26	0.88	0.90	0.94	0.97	9.00	11.02	10.63	10.96	0.34	3.16	-0.05	-0.49
Ukraine	4.66	6.21	5.10	5.10	0.73	0.74	0.78	0.84	3.42	4.62	4.00	4.30	0.30	7.50	-0.32	-6.91
Uzbekistan	2.52	3.01	3.13	3.13	0.94	0.96	1.05	1.11	2.37	2.90	3.29	3.49	0.20	6.08	0.59	20.15
Turkmenistan	1.49	1.50	1.43	1.43	1.35	1.43	1.51	1.37	2.00	2.15	2.15	1.95	-0.20	-9.30	-0.20	-9.30
Canada	0.48	0.48	0.53	0.53	0.87	0.88	0.72	0.72	0.42	0.42	0.38	0.38	0.00	0.00	-0.04	-9.52
Indonesia	6.48	6.65	6.02	6.02	1.62	1.76	1.61	1.61	10.49	11.70	9.71	9.71	0.00	0.00	-1.99	-17.02
Pakistan	1.77	1.81	1.84	1.84	1.27	1.30	1.32	1.32	2.24	2.36	2.43	2.43	0.00	0.00	0.07	2.97
Eastern Europe	3.47	3.49	3.50	3.50	1.06	1.24	1.18	1.18	3.67	4.32	4.12	4.12	0.00	0.00	-0.21	-4.79
Poland	3.17	3.88	3.26	3.13	1.64	1.63	1.49	1.45	5.20	6.33	4.84	4.55	-0.29	-5.99	-1.77	-28.04
Romania	0.47	0.55	0.42	0.42	2.36	2.08	2.14	2.14	1.10	1.13	0.90	0.90	0.00	0.00	-0.23	-20.49
Hungary	0.97	1.12	1.00	0.90	1.21	1.12	1.02	0.87	1.17	1.26	1.02	0.78	-0.24	-23.53	-0.48	-37.85
Turkey	0.50	0.76	0.48	0.48	1.65	1.56	1.47	1.47	0.83	1.19	0.71	0.71	0.00	0.00	-0.48	-40.51
Philippines	1.34	1.32	1.28	1.28	1.53	1.60	1.43	1.43	2.05	2.12	1.83	1.83	0.00	0.00	-0.29	-13.92
Mexico	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.70
Others	0.40	0.33	0.25	0.25	1.57	1.50	1.42	1.47	0.63	0.49	0.35	0.37	0.02	5.75	-0.12	-24.90
	17.71	17.88	17.46	17.46	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.98	17.47	17.65	17.31	17.11	-0.20	-1.16	-0.54	-3.07

1/ Major oilseeds plus copra and palm kernel. 2/ Individual countries and regions include soybean, cottonseed, peanut (inshell), sunflowerseed, and rapeseed.

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TABLE 12
Soybean Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	71.66	72.18	74.56	74.77	2.23	2.18	2.23	2.22	159.83	157.69	166.23	166.35	0.11	0.07	8.66	5.49
United States	28.51	29.32	29.55	29.55	2.62	2.46	2.60	2.56	74.60	72.22	76.83	75.58	-1.25	-1.62	3.36	4.65
Total Foreign	43.16	42.86	45.01	45.22	1.98	1.99	1.99	2.01	85.23	85.46	89.41	90.77	1.36	1.52	5.31	6.21
Major Exporters																
Brazil	22.27	23.12	23.90	24.10	2.44	2.43	2.47	2.51	54.30	56.10	59.10	60.50	1.40	2.37	4.40	7.84
Argentina	12.90	13.40	13.40	13.40	2.43	2.43	2.50	2.57	31.30	32.50	33.50	34.50	1.00	2.99	2.00	6.15
Paraguay	8.17	8.57	9.30	9.50	2.45	2.42	2.43	2.42	20.00	20.70	22.60	23.00	0.40	1.77	2.30	11.11
	1.20	1.15	1.20	1.20	2.50	2.52	2.50	2.50	3.00	2.90	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	3.45
Other Foreign																
China	20.89	19.74	21.11	21.12	1.48	1.49	1.44	1.43	30.93	29.36	30.31	30.27	-0.04	-0.13	0.91	3.09
India	8.50	8.18	9.30	9.30	1.78	1.75	1.61	1.61	15.15	14.29	15.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.71	4.97
Canada	6.35	5.65	5.70	5.70	0.94	0.92	0.96	0.96	6.00	5.20	5.50	5.50	0.00	0.00	0.30	5.77
Indonesia	0.98	1.00	1.05	1.05	2.79	2.77	2.57	2.57	2.74	2.78	2.70	2.70	0.00	0.00	-0.08	-2.74
Eastern Europe	1.10	1.14	1.17	1.17	1.19	1.19	1.21	1.21	1.30	1.36	1.42	1.42	0.00	0.00	0.06	4.41
European Union	0.29	0.27	0.33	0.33	1.72	2.47	1.62	1.50	0.50	0.67	0.54	0.50	-0.04	-7.48	-0.17	-25.68
FSU-12	0.52	0.37	0.36	0.36	2.95	3.12	3.18	3.14	1.54	1.14	1.14	1.14	0.00	0.00	-0.00	-0.35
Russia	0.41	0.47	0.48	0.48	0.82	0.79	0.80	0.80	0.33	0.37	0.39	0.39	0.00	0.00	0.02	4.30
Ukraine	0.38	0.44	0.45	0.45	0.79	0.76	0.78	0.78	0.30	0.33	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.02	4.79
Mexico	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	1.16	1.12	1.12	1.12	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Thailand	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.08	1.59	1.57	1.38	1.38	0.14	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-11.29
North Korea	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.23	1.52	1.50	1.43	1.43	0.34	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Japan	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	1.13	1.00	1.13	1.13	0.34	0.30	0.34	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.04	13.33
Bolivia	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	1.45	1.73	1.73	1.73	0.16	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.60
South Korea	0.63	0.59	0.59	0.59	1.54	2.04	2.03	2.03	0.96	1.20	1.20	1.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Colombia	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.09	1.43	1.33	1.50	1.50	0.14	0.12	0.14	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.02	16.38
Others	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	2.17	2.19	2.14	2.14	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.01	10.29
	1.28	1.26	1.29	1.29	0.97	0.98	0.97	0.97	1.23	1.23	1.25	1.25	-0.00	-0.00	0.02	1.38

TABLE 13
Cottonseed Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons				MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	31.95	31.40	31.29	31.38	1.02	1.05	1.05	1.05	32.49	33.00	32.78	32.86	0.07	0.22	-0.14	-0.43
United States	4.32	5.43	5.48	5.47	1.13	1.06	1.08	1.09	4.87	5.76	5.94	5.95	0.01	0.10	0.19	3.23
Total Foreign	27.63	25.97	25.81	25.91	1.00	1.05	1.04	1.04	27.62	27.23	26.84	26.91	0.07	0.25	-0.33	-1.20
China	4.46	3.73	3.75	3.80	1.82	1.85	1.83	1.86	8.10	6.90	6.86	7.05	0.19	2.77	0.15	2.17
FSU-12	2.50	2.47	2.43	2.43	1.13	1.21	1.20	1.13	2.83	2.99	2.91	2.75	-0.16	-5.63	-0.24	-8.09
Uzbekistan	1.49	1.50	1.43	1.43	1.35	1.43	1.51	1.37	2.00	2.15	2.15	1.95	-0.20	-9.30	-0.20	-9.30
Turkmenistan	0.48	0.48	0.53	0.53	0.87	0.88	0.72	0.72	0.42	0.42	0.38	0.38	0.00	0.00	-0.04	-9.52
India	9.30	8.88	8.90	8.90	0.57	0.61	0.60	0.60	5.30	5.40	5.30	5.30	0.00	0.00	-0.10	-1.85
Pakistan	2.92	2.92	2.99	2.99	1.07	1.28	1.21	1.21	3.13	3.75	3.60	3.60	0.00	0.00	-0.15	-3.87
Brazil	0.69	0.74	0.88	0.88	1.14	1.47	1.43	1.43	0.78	1.08	1.25	1.25	0.00	0.00	0.17	15.74
Turkey	0.76	0.72	0.67	0.67	1.66	1.63	1.64	1.64	1.26	1.17	1.10	1.10	0.00	0.00	-0.07	-5.98
African Franc Zone	2.21	2.27	1.94	1.94	0.66	0.62	0.66	0.66	1.47	1.41	1.28	1.28	0.00	0.00	-0.12	-8.74
Australia	0.56	0.45	0.49	0.49	1.76	2.27	2.16	2.16	0.99	1.02	1.05	1.05	0.00	0.00	0.03	2.94
Egypt	0.28	0.28	0.23	0.23	1.36	1.36	1.33	1.33	0.38	0.38	0.30	0.30	0.00	0.00	-0.08	-20.00
Argentina	0.65	0.33	0.45	0.45	0.55	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.36	0.24	0.33	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.09	37.50
Paraguay	0.17	0.20	0.25	0.30	0.60	0.62	0.68	0.63	0.10	0.12	0.17	0.19	0.02	11.76	0.07	57.02
Greece	0.41	0.43	0.40	0.40	1.39	1.55	1.63	1.63	0.57	0.67	0.65	0.65	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-2.26
Syria	0.28	0.25	0.23	0.23	2.51	2.67	2.63	2.63	0.69	0.65	0.61	0.61	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-7.20
Mexico	0.22	0.15	0.07	0.07	1.63	1.51	1.45	1.62	0.36	0.23	0.10	0.12	0.02	20.00	-0.11	-47.83
Iran	0.23	0.21	0.23	0.23	0.81	0.90	0.83	0.83	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sudan	0.15	0.23	0.16	0.16	0.85	0.55	0.84	0.84	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.01	5.69
Others	1.85	1.74	1.76	1.76	0.54	0.53	0.57	0.57	0.99	0.92	1.00	1.01	0.00	0.00	0.08	9.12

TABLE 14
Peanut Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change In Production			
	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons				MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	21.23	21.60	21.39	22.02	1.40	1.35	1.43	1.34	29.82	29.15	30.58	29.55	-1.03	-3.37	0.40	1.38
United States	0.59	0.58	0.57	0.57	3.03	2.99	2.79	2.82	1.80	1.74	1.57	1.59	0.02	1.21	-0.14	-8.29
Total Foreignn	20.63	21.02	20.82	21.45	1.36	1.30	1.39	1.30	28.02	27.41	29.01	27.96	-1.05	-3.62	0.55	1.99
China	4.04	4.27	4.50	4.50	2.94	2.96	2.78	2.78	11.89	12.64	12.50	12.50	0.00	0.00	-0.14	-1.10
India	8.10	8.00	7.50	8.10	0.92	0.69	0.96	0.75	7.45	5.50	7.20	6.10	-1.10	-15.28	0.60	10.91
Indonesia	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	1.43	1.52	1.54	1.54	0.93	0.99	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.01
Senegal	0.52	0.60	0.62	0.62	1.04	1.08	1.10	1.10	0.54	0.65	0.68	0.68	0.00	0.00	0.03	4.62
Burma	0.45	0.49	0.49	0.49	1.21	1.15	1.15	1.15	0.54	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sudan	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Zaire	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.75	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Argentina	0.32	0.22	0.20	0.23	1.06	1.98	1.60	1.61	0.34	0.43	0.32	0.37	0.05	15.63	-0.06	-12.94
Nigeria	1.19	1.20	1.21	1.21	1.20	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.43	1.45	1.47	1.47	0.00	0.00	0.02	1.38
Vietnam	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
South Africa	0.10	0.08	0.14	0.14	1.45	1.93	1.64	1.64	0.14	0.16	0.23	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.07	43.75
Thailand	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	1.61	1.63	1.63	1.63	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Burkina Faso	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	1.00	1.00	1.02	1.02	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.33
Brazil	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	1.89	1.67	1.78	1.78	0.17	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.01	6.67
Central Afrlcan Rep.	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	1.02	1.10	1.10	1.10	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cameroon	0.32	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.28	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.09	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cote d'Ivoire	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mexico	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.10	1.41	1.44	1.44	1.44	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.48
Gambia	0.07	0.11	0.11	0.11	1.04	1.09	1.09	1.09	0.07	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	2.78	2.88	2.88	2.88	0.91	0.92	0.92	0.92	2.53	2.66	2.65	2.65	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.30

TABLE 15

Sunflowerseed Area, Yield, and Production

World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	21.77	22.97	20.36	20.13	1.20	1.15	1.17	1.18	26.13	26.39	23.80	23.85	0.05	0.21	-2.54	-9.61
United States	1.41	1.39	1.12	1.12	1.69	1.41	1.50	1.50	2.39	1.97	1.68	1.68	0.00	0.00	-0.29	-14.47
Total Foreign	20.36	21.57	19.24	19.01	1.17	1.13	1.15	1.17	23.74	24.42	22.12	22.17	0.05	0.23	-2.25	-9.22
FSU-12	6.89	8.76	7.64	7.64	0.80	0.83	0.89	0.96	5.55	7.26	6.81	7.31	0.50	7.34	0.05	0.72
Russia	4.09	5.53	4.40	4.40	0.73	0.75	0.80	0.86	3.00	4.15	3.50	3.80	0.30	8.57	-0.35	-8.43
Ukraine	2.40	2.78	2.80	2.80	0.94	0.98	1.07	1.14	2.27	2.72	3.00	3.20	0.20	6.67	0.48	17.65
Argentina	3.91	3.48	2.70	2.60	1.82	1.75	1.78	1.77	7.10	6.10	4.80	4.60	-0.20	-4.17	-1.50	-24.59
European Union	2.24	2.05	1.98	1.97	1.52	1.57	1.87	1.88	3.40	3.21	3.69	3.69	0.00	0.00	0.48	14.89
France	0.81	0.83	0.76	0.75	2.09	2.30	2.37	2.47	1.68	1.91	1.80	1.85	0.05	2.78	-0.06	-3.14
Spain	0.99	0.84	0.86	0.86	1.11	0.69	1.40	1.40	1.10	0.58	1.20	1.20	0.00	0.00	0.62	107.25
Italy	0.31	0.26	0.25	0.25	1.31	2.00	2.00	1.80	0.41	0.52	0.50	0.45	-0.05	-10.00	-0.07	-12.62
Eastern Europe	2.03	2.40	1.96	1.83	1.34	1.27	1.14	1.08	2.73	3.04	2.23	1.98	-0.25	-11.22	-1.06	-34.89
Hungary	0.43	0.53	0.32	0.32	1.65	1.50	1.41	1.41	0.71	0.80	0.45	0.45	0.00	0.00	-0.35	-43.40
Romania	0.82	1.04	0.90	0.80	1.18	1.05	1.00	0.88	0.97	1.10	0.90	0.70	-0.20	-22.22	-0.40	-36.36
Yugoslavia	0.20	0.21	0.20	0.18	2.02	1.91	1.65	1.60	0.41	0.40	0.33	0.28	-0.05	-15.15	-0.12	-29.47
Bulgaria	0.50	0.52	0.45	0.45	1.00	1.10	0.89	0.89	0.50	0.57	0.40	0.40	0.00	0.00	-0.17	-29.82
Czech Rep.	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	2.18	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.04	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
China	0.72	0.80	0.85	0.85	1.29	1.63	1.53	1.53	0.93	1.30	1.30	1.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
India	2.20	2.30	2.10	2.10	0.55	0.57	0.57	0.57	1.20	1.30	1.20	1.20	0.00	0.00	-0.10	-7.69
Turkey	0.52	0.54	0.54	0.54	1.25	1.48	1.06	1.06	0.65	0.80	0.58	0.58	0.00	0.00	-0.23	-28.13
South Africa	0.83	0.40	0.60	0.60	1.34	1.34	1.08	1.08	1.11	0.53	0.65	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.12	22.41
Australia	0.17	0.12	0.11	0.11	1.25	1.13	1.10	1.10	0.21	0.14	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-14.81
Burma	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	0.73	0.61	0.65	0.65	1.05	1.07	1.00	1.00	0.77	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.77

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TABLE 16
Rapeseed Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	1998/99	1999/00	Oct.	Nov.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	25.62	27.40	26.22	26.22	1.40	1.55	1.47	1.46	35.92	42.60	38.57	38.32	-0.25	-0.65	-4.28	-10.05
United States	0.44	0.42	0.59	0.59	1.62	1.46	1.47	1.47	0.71	0.62	0.87	0.87	0.00	0.00	0.25	40.42
Total Foreign	25.18	26.98	25.63	25.63	1.40	1.56	1.47	1.46	35.21	41.98	37.70	37.45	-0.25	-0.66	-4.53	-10.79
India	6.60	6.40	6.20	6.20	0.74	0.86	0.85	0.85	4.90	5.50	5.30	5.30	0.00	0.00	-0.20	-3.64
China	6.53	6.90	7.40	7.40	1.27	1.47	1.49	1.49	8.30	10.13	11.00	11.00	0.00	0.00	0.87	8.57
Canada	5.43	5.56	4.90	4.90	1.41	1.58	1.41	1.41	7.64	8.80	6.90	6.90	0.00	0.00	-1.90	-21.57
European Union	3.13	3.58	3.16	3.16	3.04	3.16	2.94	2.92	9.51	11.32	9.27	9.22	-0.05	-0.54	-2.10	-18.52
France	1.14	1.36	1.20	1.20	3.25	3.25	3.00	3.00	3.70	4.40	3.60	3.60	0.00	0.00	-0.80	-18.18
Germany	1.01	1.20	1.10	1.10	3.36	3.51	3.00	3.23	3.39	4.21	3.30	3.55	0.25	7.58	-0.66	-15.72
United Kingdom	0.53	0.54	0.45	0.45	2.95	3.23	3.33	2.67	1.57	1.73	1.50	1.20	-0.30	-20.00	-0.53	-30.76
Denmark	0.12	0.14	0.15	0.15	3.07	2.70	2.97	2.97	0.36	0.38	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.00	0.05	12.27
Sweden	0.06	0.08	0.05	0.05	2.25	2.31	2.40	2.40	0.12	0.18	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.00	-0.06	-33.33
Eastern Europe	0.84	1.21	0.97	0.97	2.33	2.17	2.14	2.14	1.97	2.62	2.08	2.08	0.00	0.00	-0.54	-20.70
Poland	0.47	0.55	0.42	0.42	2.36	2.08	2.14	2.14	1.10	1.13	0.90	0.90	0.00	0.00	-0.23	-20.49
Czech Rep.	0.27	0.35	0.33	0.33	2.57	2.67	2.62	2.62	0.68	0.93	0.85	0.85	0.00	0.00	-0.08	-8.70
Australia	1.27	1.75	1.35	1.35	1.39	1.34	1.33	1.19	1.76	2.35	1.80	1.60	-0.20	-11.11	-0.75	-31.91
FSU-12	0.44	0.60	0.71	0.71	0.67	0.65	0.72	0.72	0.29	0.39	0.51	0.51	0.00	0.00	0.12	30.77
Russia	0.20	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.64	0.55	0.60	0.60	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.02	11.11
Pakistan	0.34	0.33	0.30	0.30	0.86	0.85	0.87	0.87	0.29	0.28	0.26	0.26	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-7.80
Bangladesh	0.34	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.25	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	0.26	0.29	0.29	0.29	1.11	1.12	1.08	1.08	0.29	0.32	0.31	0.31	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-3.13

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TABLE 17
Copra, Palm Kernel, and Palm Oil Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Production				Change in Production			
	1998/99	Prel. 1999/00	2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	Million metric tons				MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
COPRA								
World	4.32	5.03	5.15	5.15	0.00	0.00	0.12	2.31
Philippines	1.35	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Indonesia	1.29	1.32	1.38	1.38	0.00	0.00	0.06	4.55
India	0.70	0.73	0.75	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.02	3.45
Mexico	0.21	0.20	0.24	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.03	16.26
Sri Lanka	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vietnam	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Malaysia	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	-0.00	-11.76
Others	0.52	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.00	0.00	-0.00	-0.00
PALM KERNEL								
World	5.62	6.20	6.43	6.43	0.00	0.00	0.23	3.66
Malaysia	2.79	3.08	3.20	3.20	0.00	0.00	0.12	3.93
Indonesia	1.71	1.92	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	4.17
Nigeria	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cote d'Ivoire	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.54
Colombia	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
Thailand	0.08	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.97
Zaire	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ecuador	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.56
Others	0.45	0.46	0.48	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.02	3.49
PALM OIL								
World	19.20	21.06	22.08	22.08	0.00	0.00	1.02	4.84
Malaysia	9.76	10.49	11.10	11.10	0.00	0.00	0.61	5.80
Indonesia	5.80	6.50	6.80	6.80	0.00	0.00	0.30	4.62
Nigeria	0.74	0.76	0.80	0.80	0.00	0.00	0.04	5.26
Cote d'Ivoire	0.31	0.31	0.32	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.61
Colombia	0.49	0.50	0.51	0.51	0.00	0.00	0.01	2.00
Thailand	0.40	0.71	0.72	0.72	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.84
Zaire	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ecuador	0.25	0.24	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.01	2.94
Others	1.32	1.41	1.44	1.44	0.00	0.00	0.04	2.49

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TABLE 18
Cotton Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Million hectares				Kilograms per hectare				Million 480 lb. bales				From last month			
	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01 Proj.	2000/01 Proj.	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01 Proj.	2000/01 Proj.	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01 Proj.	2000/01 Proj.	From last month	From last month	From last month	From last month
World	32.97	32.39	32.33	32.38	559	585	585	583	84.72	87.06	86.90	86.68	-0.22	-0.25	-0.38	-0.43
United States	4.32	5.43	5.48	5.47	701	680	695	697	13.92	16.97	17.49	17.51	0.02	0.14	0.54	3.19
Total Foreign	28.65	26.96	26.85	26.91	538	566	563	560	70.81	70.09	69.41	69.17	-0.25	-0.35	-0.92	-1.31
Major Exporters	15.48	14.44	14.39	14.44	695	747	747	740	49.39	49.50	49.37	49.07	-0.31	-0.62	-0.43	-0.87
China	4.46	3.73	3.80	3.80	1,011	1,028	1,031	1,031	20.70	17.60	18.00	18.00	0.00	0.00	0.40	2.27
Pakistan	2.92	2.92	2.99	2.99	469	642	605	605	6.30	8.60	8.30	8.30	0.00	0.00	-0.30	-3.49
Sudan	0.15	0.23	0.16	0.16	363	232	351	351	0.25	0.24	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.01	4.17
Turkey	0.76	0.72	0.67	0.67	1,110	1,113	1,137	1,137	3.86	3.68	3.50	3.50	0.00	0.00	-0.18	-4.76
FSU-12	2.50	2.47	2.43	2.43	575	645	609	584	6.60	7.31	6.81	6.53	-0.28	-4.11	-0.77	-10.61
Uzbekistan	1.49	1.50	1.43	1.43	674	752	749	688	4.60	5.18	4.90	4.50	-0.40	-8.16	-0.68	-13.13
Turkmenistan	0.48	0.48	0.53	0.53	435	481	394	394	0.95	1.05	0.95	0.95	0.00	0.00	-0.10	-9.52
Other	0.54	0.49	0.48	0.48	423	478	432	486	1.05	1.08	0.96	1.08	0.12	12.50	0.00	0.47
Egypt	0.28	0.28	0.23	0.23	816	831	823	823	1.05	1.05	0.85	0.85	0.00	0.00	-0.20	-19.05
African Franc Zone	2.35	2.40	2.06	2.06	374	353	371	363	4.03	3.89	3.51	3.44	-0.08	-2.14	-0.46	-11.79
Southern Hemisphere	2.06	1.71	2.06	2.11	696	908	861	846	6.60	7.13	8.15	8.20	0.05	0.61	1.07	14.97
Argentina	0.65	0.33	0.45	0.45	308	405	411	411	0.92	0.62	0.85	0.85	0.00	0.00	0.24	38.21
Australia	0.56	0.45	0.49	0.49	1,274	1,572	1,526	1,526	3.29	3.25	3.40	3.40	0.00	0.00	0.15	4.62
Brazil	0.69	0.74	0.88	0.88	667	859	846	846	2.10	2.90	3.40	3.40	0.00	0.00	0.50	17.24
Paraguay	0.17	0.20	0.25	0.30	380	410	435	399	0.29	0.37	0.50	0.55	0.05	10.00	0.18	49.86
Major importers	0.56	0.60	0.54	0.54	907	976	981	981	2.35	2.67	2.43	2.43	0.00	0.00	-0.24	-9.13
Other Foreign	12.61	11.93	11.92	11.93	329	327	322	323	19.07	17.92	17.62	17.68	0.06	0.34	-0.24	-1.36
India	9.30	8.88	8.90	8.90	298	301	301	301	12.73	12.30	12.30	12.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	3.31	3.05	3.02	3.03	418	402	383	386	6.34	5.62	5.32	5.38	0.06	1.13	-0.24	-4.32

TABLE 19

The table below presents a 19-year record of the differences between the November projection and the final estimate. Using world wheat production as an example, changes between the November projection and the final estimate have averaged 5.2 million tons (1.0 percent) and ranged from -18.1 to 7.2 million tons. The November projection has been below the final 12 times and above the final 7 times.

RELIABILITY OF PRODUCTION PROJECTIONS

COMMODITY AND REGION	PROJECTION AND FINAL ESTIMATES, 1981/82 - 1999/00 1/						
	Difference		Lowest	Highest	Below	Above	
	Average	Average	Difference		Final	Final	
	Percent	---Million metric tons---				Number of years 2/	
WHEAT							
World	1.0	5.2	-18.1	7.2	12	7	
U.S.	0.4	0.2	-1.2	0.5	9	8	
Foreign	1.2	5.2	-18.2	7.4	12	7	
COARSE GRAINS 3/							
World	0.9	7.7	-20.8	7.8	13	6	
U.S.	1.1	2.4	-7.5	5.8	12	7	
Foreign	1.2	7.2	-18.1	6.0	13	6	
RICE (Milled)							
World	2.1	7.0	-16.8	1.6	18	1	
U.S.	3.0	0.2	-0.3	0.5	9	9	
Foreign	2.1	7.0	-16.9	1.7	18	1	
SOYBEANS							
World	2.5	2.8	-7.0	3.6	11	8	
U.S.	1.8	1.0	-2.7	2.1	6	13	
Foreign	4.3	2.5	-7.9	3.4	12	7	
			---Million 480-lb. bales---				
COTTON							
World	2.7	2.2	-6.5	5.8	12	7	
U.S.	2.5	0.4	-0.8	0.9	11	7	
Foreign	3.2	2.2	-6.8	5.6	10	9	
UNITED STATES			-----Million bushels-----				
CORN	1.1	82	-250	159	11	7	
SORGHUM	2.3	16	-53	52	9	10	
BARLEY	1.3	6	-12	24	7	9	
OATS	1.0	4	-18	16	6	7	

1/ The final estimate for 1981/82-1998/99 is defined as the first November estimate following the marketing year.

2/ May not total 19 if projection was the same as the final.

3/ Includes corn, sorghum, barley, oats, rye, millet, and mixed grain.

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WORLD AGRICULTURAL WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

November 9, 2000



1 - UNITED STATES

In October, a sudden weather pattern change brought heavy precipitation to the West and the previously parched Plains. The abundant moisture eased long-term moisture deficits and aided winter wheat establishment, but slowed fieldwork and caused localized flooding. On the southern Plains, some winter wheat fields that were unplanted by mid-month due to dryness remained unplanted at month's end due to excessive wetness. From the Mississippi River eastward, however, little or no precipitation fell following early-month showers. In the Corn Belt, warm weather and near- to below-normal rainfall favored rapid corn and soybean harvesting. Drought gripped the Southeast, allowing summer crop harvesting, but hampering winter wheat emergence.

2 - SOUTH AMERICA

In east-central Brazil, below-normal October rainfall reduced soil moisture and slowed summer crop planting. In Rio Grande do Sul, above-normal rainfall reduced winter wheat quality and slowed wheat harvesting and summer crop planting. Elsewhere in southern Brazil, near-normal October rainfall provided adequate soil moisture for summer crop planting. In central Argentina, widespread, above-normal October rainfall boosted soil moisture for reproductive winter wheat and summer crop germination. However, the wetness delayed summer crop planting and raised concerns about the potential for reductions in wheat quality.

3 - EUROPE

In October, frequent rainfall in western and south-central Europe hampered winter grain planting and summer crop harvesting. Localized flooding halted fieldwork in England, eastern Spain, and northern Italy. In north-central and eastern Europe, near- to below-normal precipitation and mild weather favored late summer crop harvesting, but decreased topsoil moisture for winter grain emergence. Drought persisted in southeastern Europe.

4 - FSU-WESTERN

In October, mostly dry weather in Ukraine and southern Russia helped corn, sunflower, and sugar beet harvesting, but limited moisture for winter wheat establishment. Continued unusually mild weather in northern Russia fostered later-than-usual winter grain growth. In Uzbekistan, rainy weather in October hampered cotton harvesting.

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5 - NORTHWESTERN AFRICA

Preparations for winter grain planting were likely underway in Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia. Most areas received near- to above-normal rainfall in October, helping to condition topsoils for fieldwork.

6 - MIDDLE EAST AND TURKEY

Winter grain planting was underway throughout the region, with beneficial October rains covering Turkey, northwestern Iran, and the Mediterranean coast.

7 - SOUTH ASIA

During October, showery weather in southern India increased moisture reserves for dry-season cropping. Tropical rains in the eastern rice belt caused additional flooding early in the month. In early November, seasonably drier weather dominated the region, aiding summer crop harvesting and allowing floodwaters to recede in the eastern rice belt.

8 - EASTERN ASIA

In Manchuria, seasonably cold October weather favored summer crop harvesting. Across the North China Plain, and central and southern China, widespread much-above-normal October rainfall boosted moisture supplies for winter grains. The abundant moisture slowed, but did not delay, winter crop planting and summer crop harvesting. In Taiwan, an early November typhoon brought flooding and possible crop damage to rice, while heavy rains in Japan slowed late rice harvesting.

9 - SOUTHEAST ASIA

Above-normal October rainfall slowed rice harvesting across northern Vietnam, the northern Philippines, and portions of Thailand. In Java, Indonesia, near- to above-normal rainfall increased moisture supplies for main-season rice transplanted. Above-normal October rainfall maintained moisture supplies for oil palm in peninsular Malaysia.

10 - AUSTRALIA

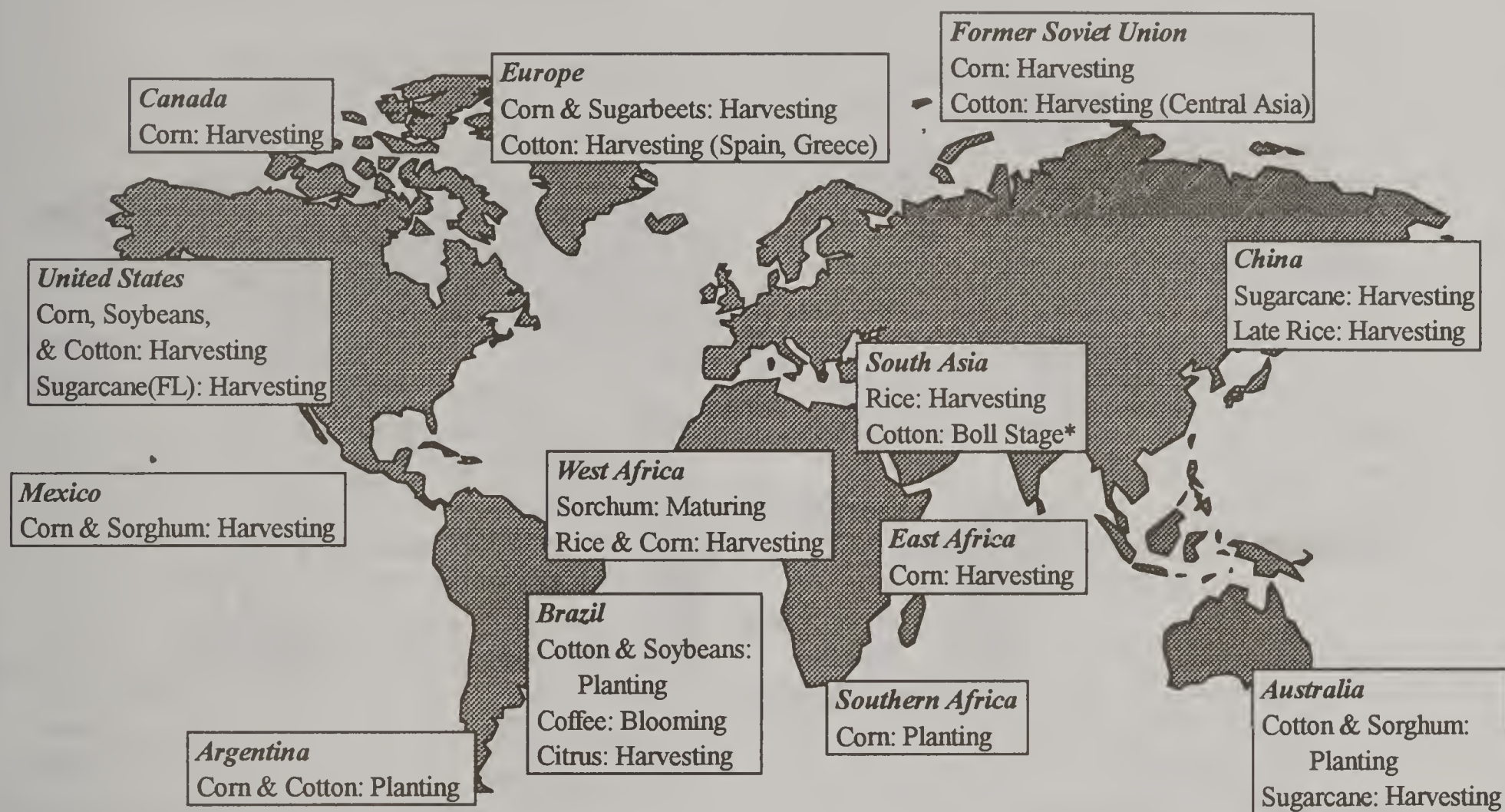
Chronic dryness further reduced the yield potential of winter crops in Western Australia. In contrast, wet weather in the east stabilized winter grain conditions and improved pasture and summer crop prospects. Drier weather is needed, however, to avert reductions in winter crop quality.

11 - SOUTH AFRICA

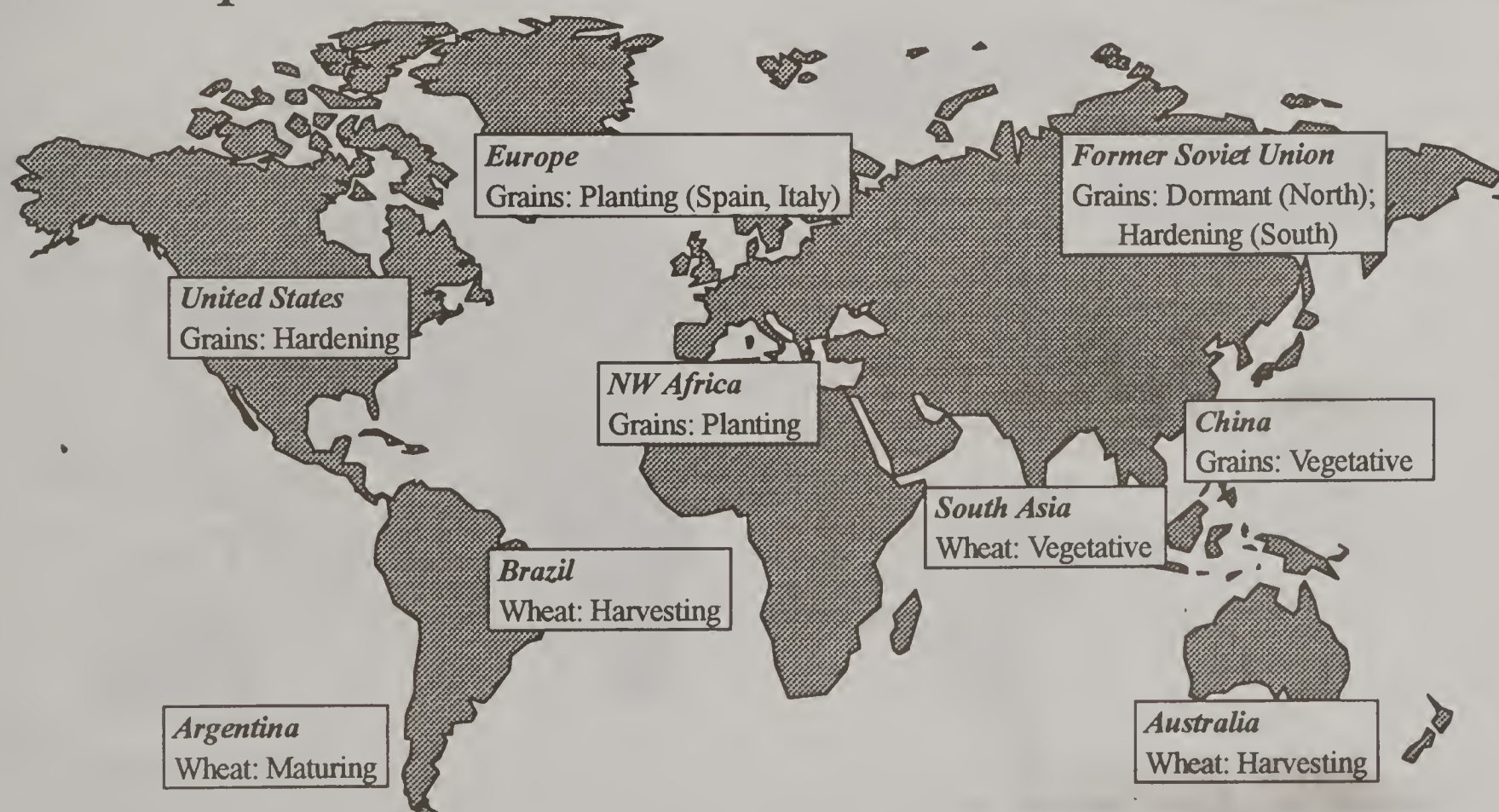
Timely rainfall favored newly planted corn, sunflowers, and sugarcane. Mostly dry weather in Western Cape aided wheat maturation but increased irrigation demands in orchards and vineyards.

November Normal Crop Calendar

Summer crops



Winter crops



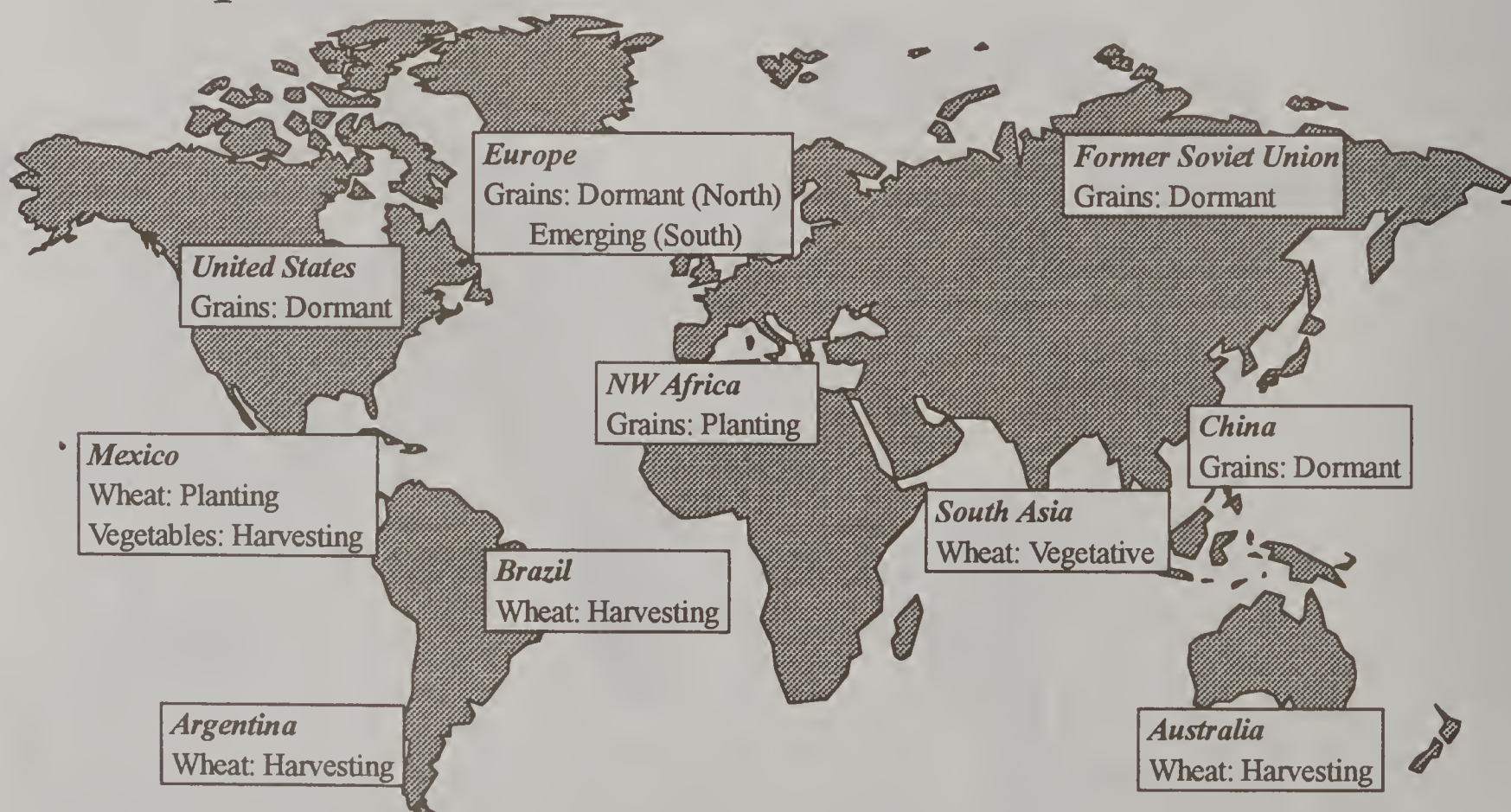
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December Normal Crop Calendar

Summer crops



Winter crops



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WEATHER BRIEFS

Argentina: Rain Increases Soil Moisture But Delays Summer Crop Planting

During October 2000, showers were much more frequent and widespread compared to earlier months across the major summer crop growing areas of central and northern Argentina. Weekly rainfall amounts ranged from 15 to over 100 millimeters. While this rainfall was at sometimes excessive, it greatly improved soil moisture levels benefitting winter wheat which was advancing from the reproductive to filling stages and also provided moisture for planting and emerging summer crops. By the first week of November 2000, excessive wetness was delaying summer crop planting and causing concern for increased wheat diseases. According to the Argentine Agricultural Secretariat, as of November 3, nationwide corn was 55 percent planted, compared with 65 percent at this time last year; sunflowers were 28 percent planted, compared with 55 percent last year, sorghum was 12 percent planted, compared with 39 percent last year; and soybean planting has just begun.

Brazil: Rains Relieve Dryness in North but Hampers Wheat Harvest in South

Moderate showers during the first week of November relieved dryness in the north but continued to delay field operations in the south. In east-central Brazil, showers (10-50mm) relieved dryness in Goias, Minas Gerais, Espirito Santo, and Sao Paulo, but more rain is needed. Light rainfall (less than 15 mm) favored corn and early soybean planting in Parana and Santa Catarina.

Moderate showers (25-100 mm) improved soil moisture for soybean planting in Mato Grosso. In Rio Grande do Sul, wet weather (10-50 mm) continued to hamper summer crop plantings and harvesting of winter wheat. Heavy rainfall during harvest can adversely impact the quality of wheat. Temperatures across Parana, Sao Paulo, and Mato Grosso do Sul were 2 to 4 degrees C above normal, increasing evapotranspiration of emerging summer crops. Therefore, more rain is needed to maintain both summer crops conditions and plantation crop yields.

South Africa: Recent Rain Favors Corn Establishment

Soaking rain in September 2000, combined with frequent moderate-to-heavy rainfall in October and the first week of November to create "practically ideal" soil moisture levels for planting and establishment of corn and other summer crops across the Maize Triangle of South Africa. The optimal planting period is from October to early November, although corn planting can last through December. The important white corn area in North West was fairly dry in mid-October since it missed out on much of the September and early October rainfall. However, moderate to heavy rainfall during the week of October 15 - 21 (25 - 50 mm, locally greater than 100 mm) and additional scattered showers from October 22 through November 4 improved soil moisture for planting. Temperatures were mostly below normal last week but have since returned to normal. High temperatures in the 20's and low 30's degrees C aided early crop growth and development across the Maize Triangle.

FEATURE COMMODITY ARTICLES

2000/01 World Cotton Production Down from Last Year, Despite High Cotton Prices

World cotton production for 2000/01 is forecast at 86.7 million 480-pound bales, down nearly 0.4 million from last year's output, despite the highest world's cotton A index price since 1997/98, averaging 61.12 cents per pound through October of 2000/01 season. This price is nearly 12 cents above the similar period last year but down from the recent peak of 91.4 cents in 1994/95. World area is forecast at 32.4 million hectares nearly unchanged from last season while the yield at 583 kilograms per hectare is slightly lower.

The world's largest cotton producers, United States and China, are projected to account for 41 percent of global production, up from 39 percent last year.

The seven major producers' percent share of production were unchanged from last year. In the table below and in the following charts this report highlights the top seven cotton producing nations which include the United States, China, India, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkey, and Australia. These countries are estimated to produce 67.5 million bales of cotton in 2000/01 and account for more than 88 percent of the 0.4 million bales decrease this season.

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Table 1						
MAJOR COTTON PRODUCERS						
	480-LB BALES	PERCENT OF	YIELD	AREA	PERCENT OF	LINT MT
	(1000)	OUTPUT	(Kg/ha.)	(1000 ha.)	AREA	(1000)
2000/01						
WORLD	86,679	100	583	32,378	100	18,872
FOREIGN	69,169	80	560	26,907	83	15,060
TOP SEVEN	67,510	78	619	23,736	73	14,699
China	18,000	21	1,031	3,800	12	3,919
United States	17,510	20	697	5,471	17	3,812
India	12,300	14	301	8,900	27	2,678
Pakistan	8,300	10	605	2,985	9	1,807
Uzbekistan	4,500	5	688	1,425	4	980
Turkey	3,500	4	1,137	670	2	762
Australia	3,400	4	1,526	485	1	740
Other	19,169	22	483	8,642	27	4,174

	Table 1: continued					
	MAJOR COTTON PRODUCERS					
	Change From 1999/2000					
	480-LB BALES		SHARE OF	AREA HARVESTED		SHARE OF
	Change From 1998/99		CHANGE	Change From 1998/99		CHANGE
	1000 bales	(%)	(%)	1000 ha.	(%)	(%)
1999/00						
WORLD	-376	-0	100	-15	-0	100
FOREIGN	-918	-1	79	-53	-0	92
TOP SEVEN	-63	0	88	110	0	74
China	400	2	16	74	2	15
United States	542	3	21	38	1	8
India	0	0	0	17	0	4
Pakistan	-300	-3	12	70	2	14
Uzbekistan	-680	-13	27	-75	-5	16
Turkey	-175	-5	7	-49	-7	10
Australia	150	5	6	35	8	7
Other	-313	-2	12	-125	-1	26

Chart 1
Major Cotton Producers Contribute 78 Percent of World Output
Equal to Last Year

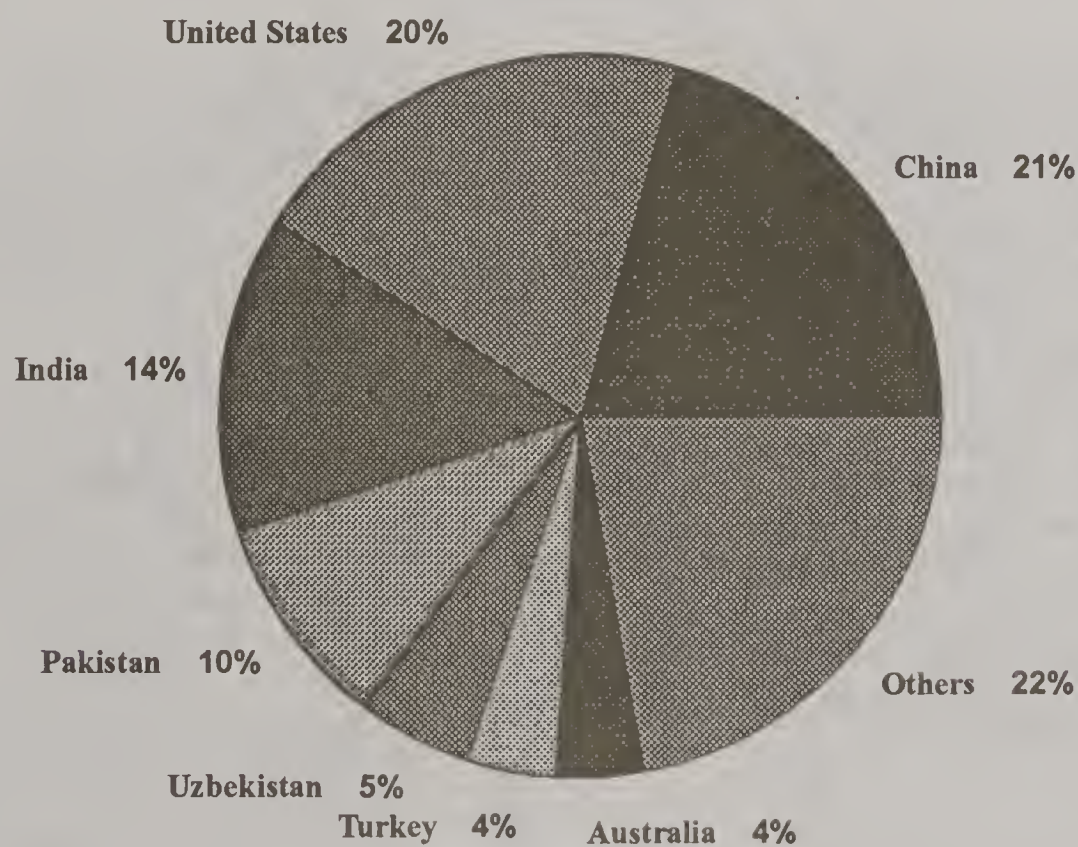


Chart 2

World Cotton Area Stable on Higher Prices

- Estimated output at 86.7 Mbales for 2000/01 on stable area and yield.
- Forecast area at 32.4 MHa, about equal to 1999/00 but down from the recent peak of 35.9 million in 1995/96.
- Higher prices to date are mainly a result of higher world consumption, up 5.8 Mbales in 2000/01 and 4.2 Mbales in 1999/2000 over output.
- Stocks are estimate down 5.5 Mbales in 2000/01 and down 4.4 in 1999/00, adding upward price pressure.

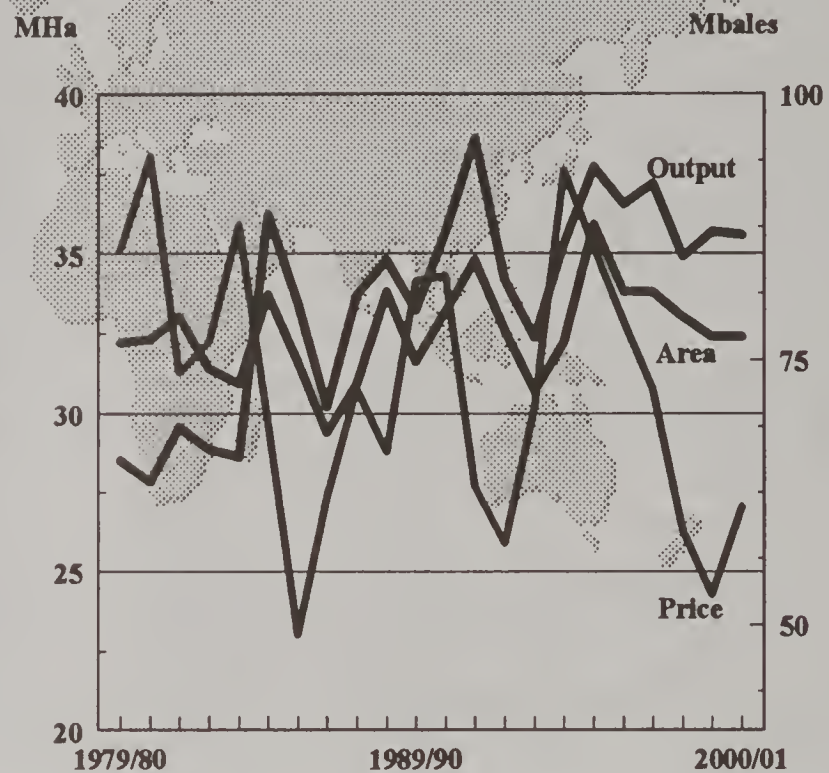


Chart 3

United States' Cotton Up on Area and Yield

- Output for 2000/01 estimated at 17.5 Mbales, up 3 percent from 1999/2000.
- Output up from last year, despite drought in west Texas and southeast.
- Area harvested and yield up from last year's weather reduced crop.
- Projected yield at 697 kg per Ha compared to 680 kg in 1999/2000.

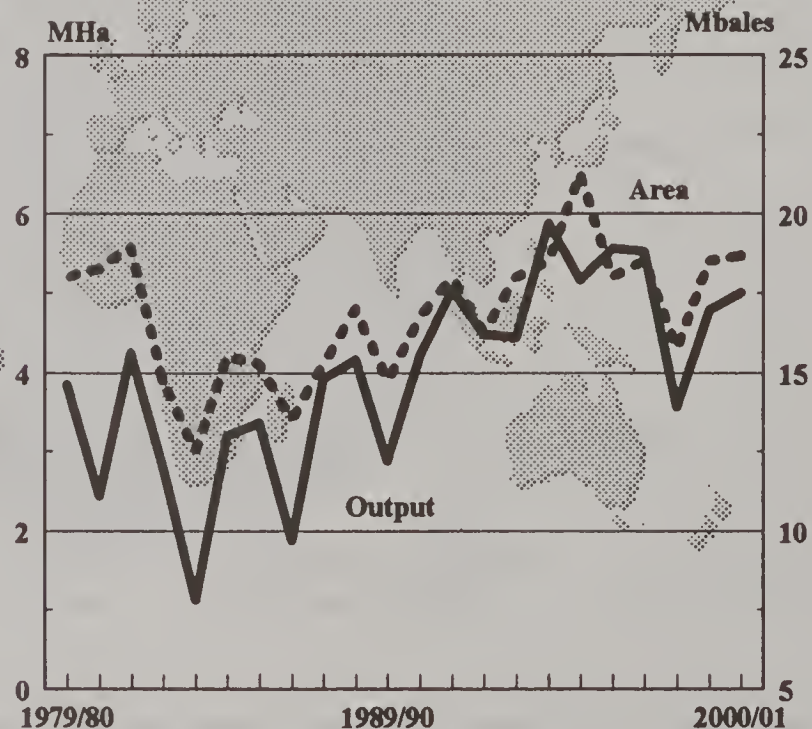


Chart 4

China's Output Up on Higher Domestic Prices

- Estimated output for 2000/01 at 18.0 Mbales, up 2 percent from last year due to slightly higher area and yield.
- Despite government's plan to discourage cotton plantings, favorable prices led farmers to increase area.
- Yield estimate at 1.03 MT/Ha due in part to good weather, shift of area to Xinjiang, and switch to insect resistant Bt cotton on North China Plain where yields have been reduced by bollworms.

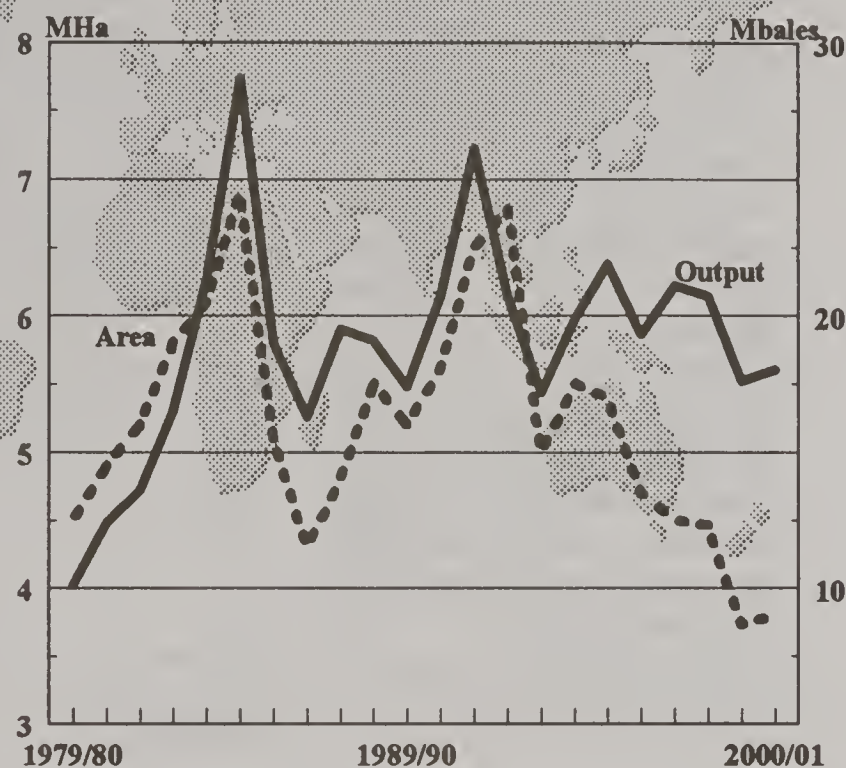


Chart 5

India's Cotton Output stable Despite Reduced Rains

- Output forecast at 12.3 Mbales for 2000/01, equaling last year's crop.
- Harvested area forecast at 8.9 MHa, equal to last year but 0.4 MHa below the record 9.3 MHa in 1998/99.
- Lower rainfall for the second year in the key states of Gujarat, parts of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh did not allow area to recover from 1998/99.
- Reductions in yield caused by low rainfall were offset by gains in other cotton areas, especially in the northern states of Punjab and Haryana.

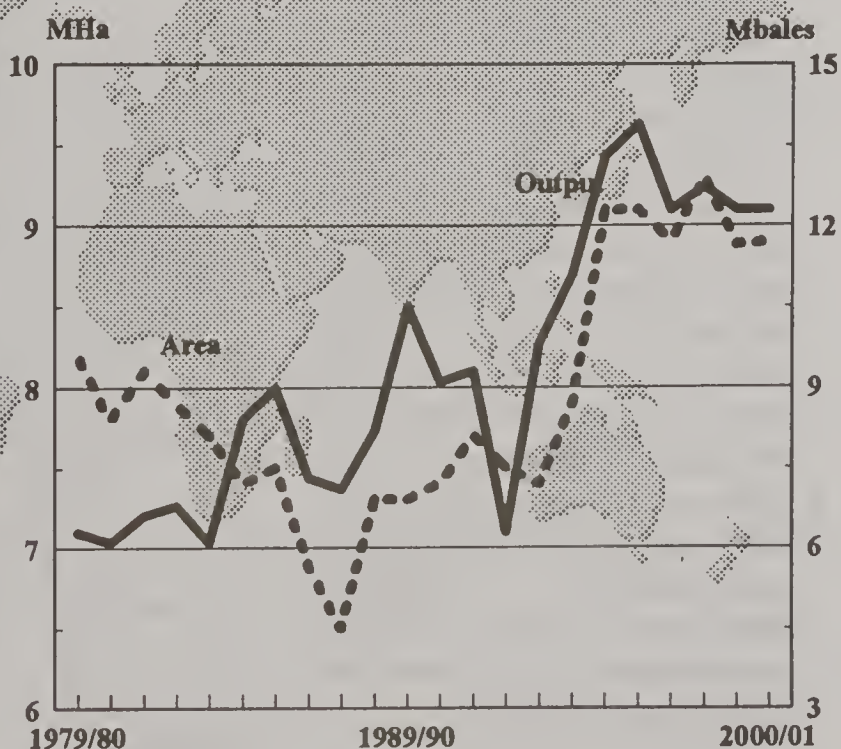


Chart 6

Uzbekistan's Output Down on Reduced Irrigation and Weather Damage

- Estimated 2000/01 output is at 4.5 Mbales, down 0.7 million from last year's average size crop.
- Low irrigation supplies and very hot weather reduce yield mostly in the western cotton-growing regions.
- Slower harvest pace than last year as October has been cold and rainy.
- Harvest, which in early October was even with last year, is now nearly 20 percent behind.
- Late rains are likely to lower yield more.

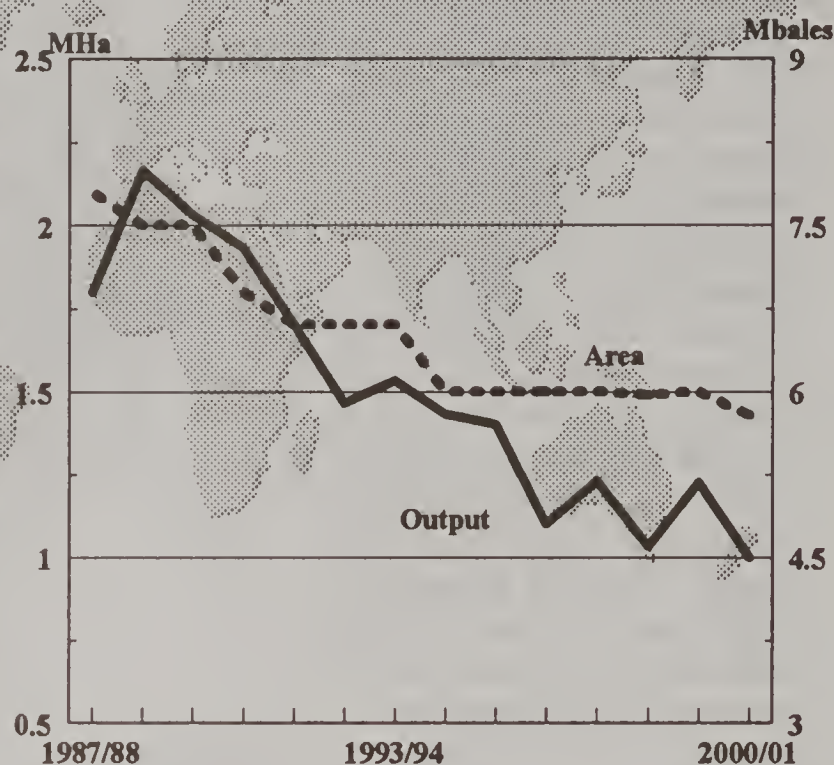


Chart 7

Pakistan's Output Down on Reduced Yield in the Sindh

- Output for 2000/01 at 8.3 Mbales, down 0.3 million from last year.
- Yields are expected to be marginally better in the Punjab (which accounts for about 80 percent of production) but are forecast to decline as much as 25 percent in Sindh, primarily due to late planting and irrigation problems.
- Estimated area is nearly 3.0 MHa, up 2 percent due to early-season irrigation shortages which caused farmers to switch from rice and cane to cotton.

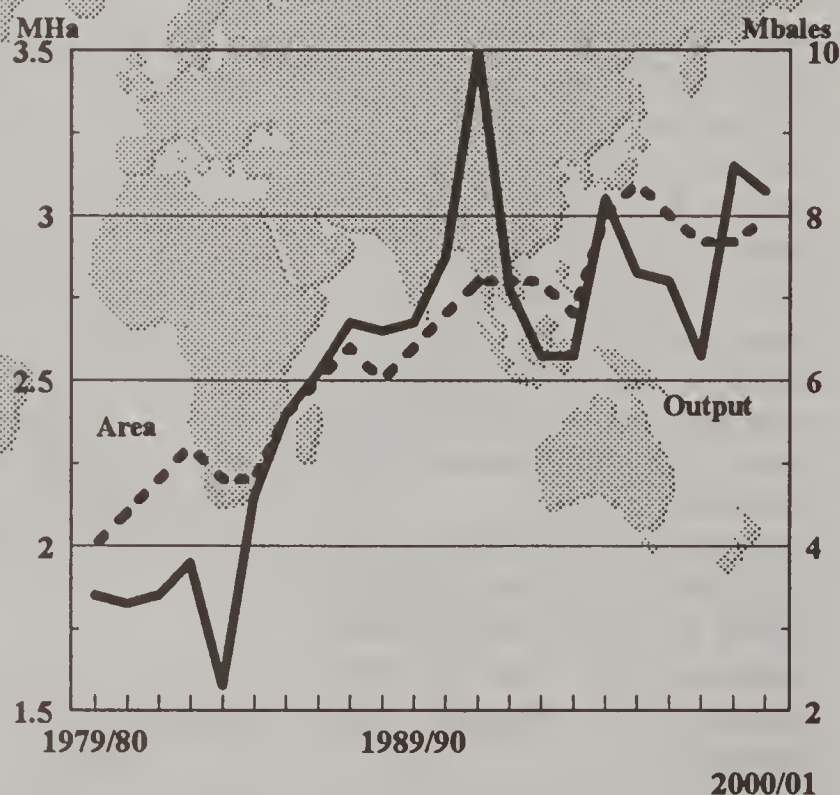


Chart 8

Turkey Cotton Down on Shift in Land Use

- Output forecast at 3.5 Mbales for 2000/01, 5 percent lower than last year's crop of 3.7 million.
- Harvested area forecast at 0.67 MHa, 7 percent below last year's.
- Drop in area from 1999/00 occurred largely because GAP growth slowed, allowing the decline in other cotton areas to pull total area down.
- Low domestic cotton prices have allowed other crops such as corn to replace cotton in rotation with winter wheat.

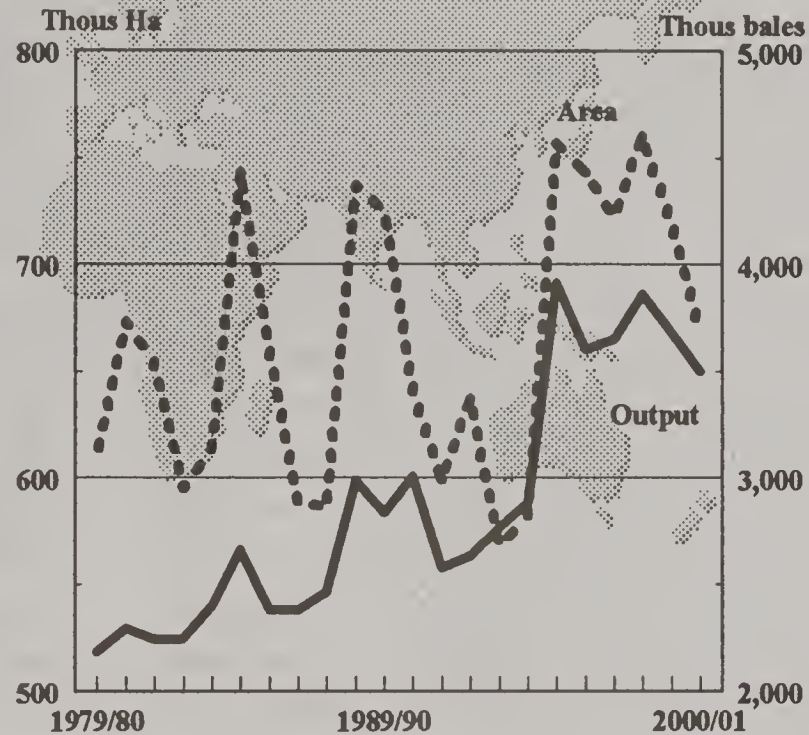
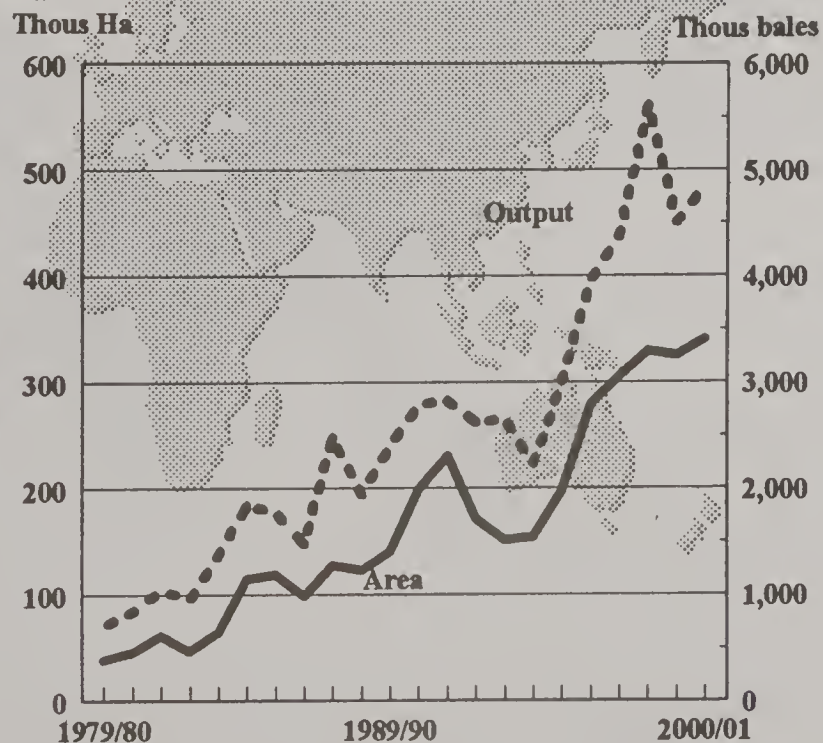


Chart 9

Australia Cotton Up on Higher Irrigation Area

- Output forecast at 3.4 Mbales for 2000/01, nearly 0.15 million Higher than last year's crop.
- Harvested area forecast at 0.485 MHa, 35,000 higher than last year's.
- Higher area from 1999/00 occurred largely because of continued good cotton prices pulling in more dryland cotton area.
- Reduced winter rain could temper this forecast reducing the amount of dryland area.



World Oilseeds Production Continues to Grow, but Grains Stall Recently

World grain and oilseed production has trended higher over the past twenty years, with oilseeds growing at an annual percentage rate of 3.2 percent and grains at 1.1 percent.

Over the past four years, expansion in grain production has stopped as harvested area declined. Lower grain prices, weather disruptions, and increasing demand for high protein animal feeds and vegetable oil have encourage producers to shift into oilseeds. Since 1996/97, oilseed area has expanded 16 million hectares, while grain area decreased by 36 million hectares. The former Soviet Union (FSU), China, Canada, Argentina, and the United States all showed decreases in grain area, but increases in oilseed area. Decreases in world wheat, corn, sorghum, barley and oats area more than offset increases in soybeans, sunflower and rapeseed. Also, there is a significant upward trend in yield due to improved plant genetics, cultural practices, and changes in crop mix. For example, minor, lower yielding grain crops such as barley, oats, and sorghum have declined steadily in favor of higher yielding food and feed grains such as rice and corn.

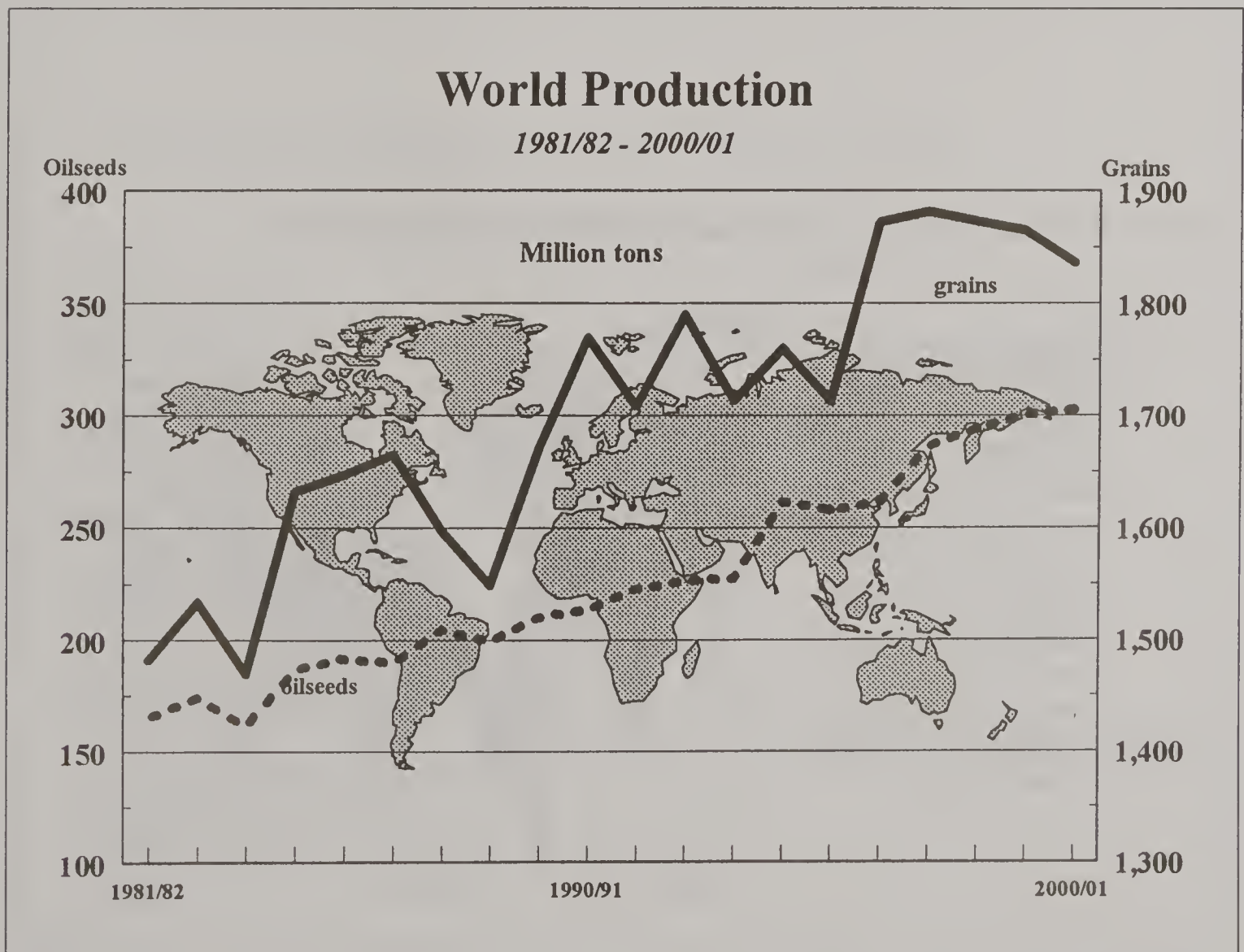
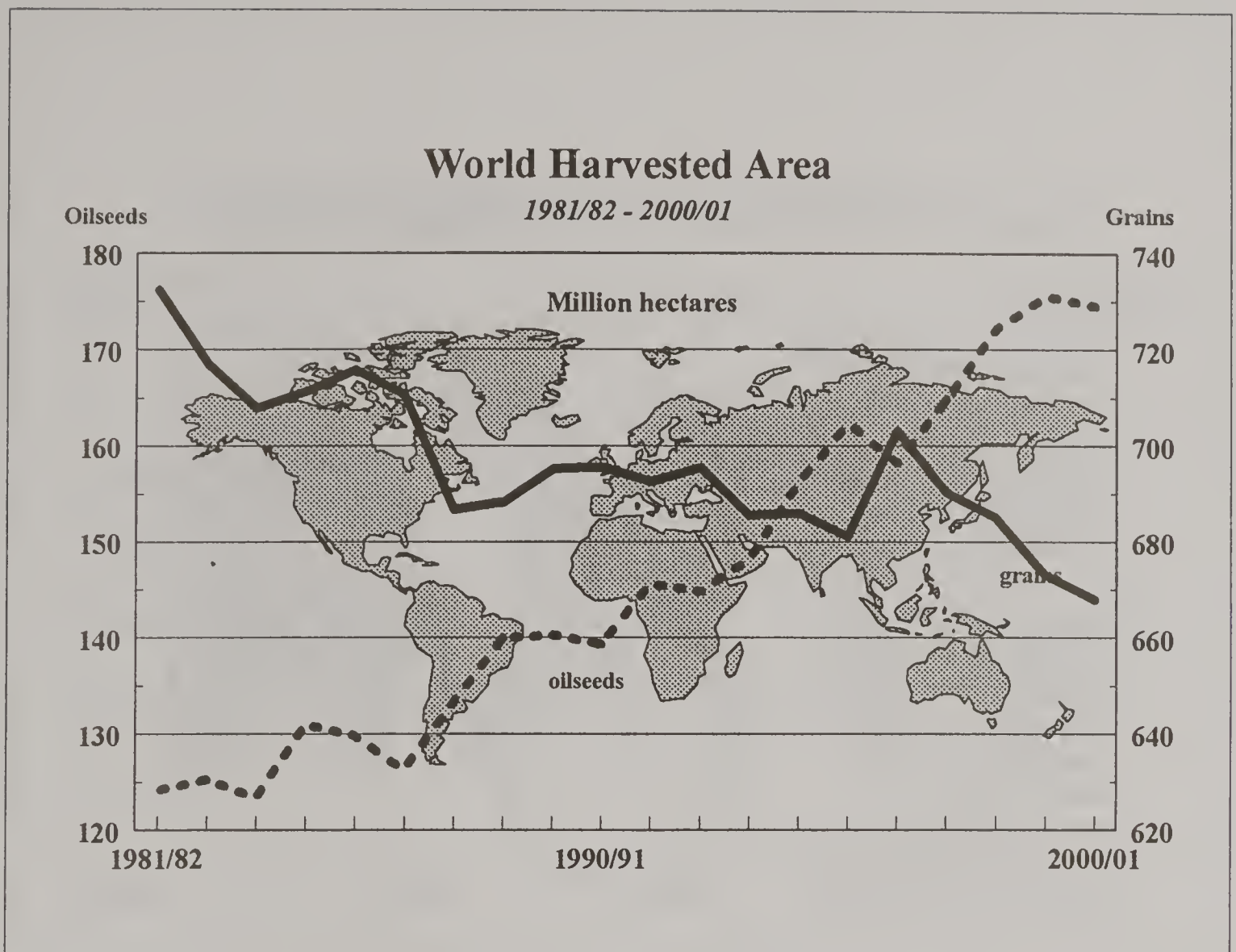
Large production the last couple of years has led to low international prices, while world harvested area of both grains and oilseeds declined in 2000/01. Higher average yield is forecast to boost world oilseed production to

a new record. Total grain (wheat, coarse grains, and milled rice) production for 2000/01 is estimated at 1836.6 million tons, down 28.0 million or 2 percent from the previous year. Production of the seven major oilseeds (soybeans, rapeseed, cottonseed, peanuts, sunflowerseeds, copra, and palm kernel) is estimated at a record 302.5 million tons, up 2.4 million or 1 percent from 1999/2000. For the 2000/01 season, record levels of production are estimated for Argentina, Brazil, China, and U.S. oilseeds; and also for European Union (EU) and India grains. Brazil, U.S., and FSU grains; and India oilseeds are up year-to-year, but are not at record levels. FSU, EU and Canada oilseeds are lower; while Canada, and China grains are also down year-to-year.

Charts on the following pages show long term trends in global, as well as individual countries' area and production for grains and oilseeds. (Area estimates for oilseeds exclude copra and palm kernel.)

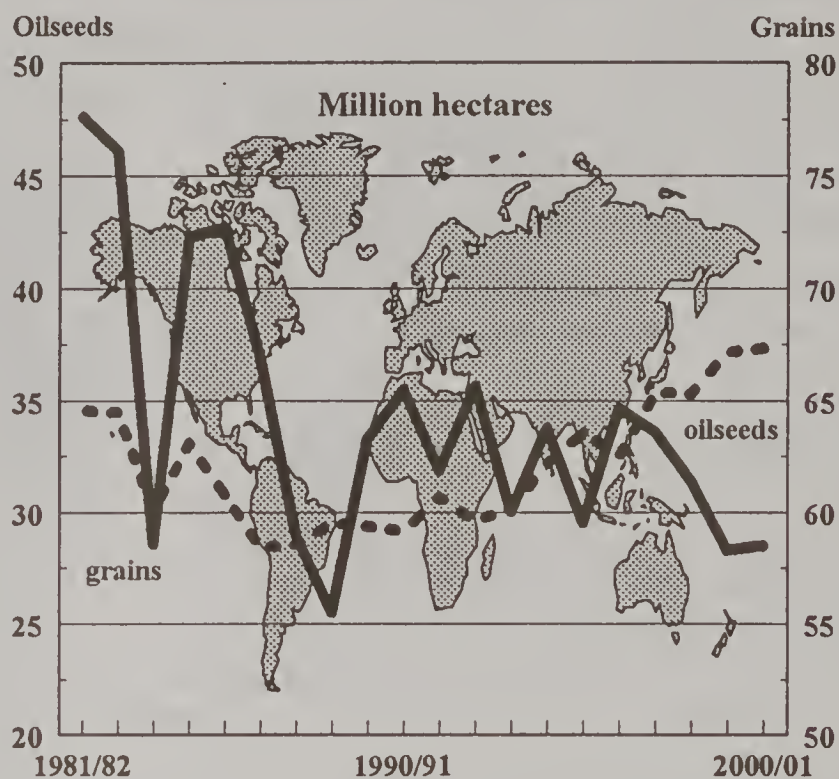
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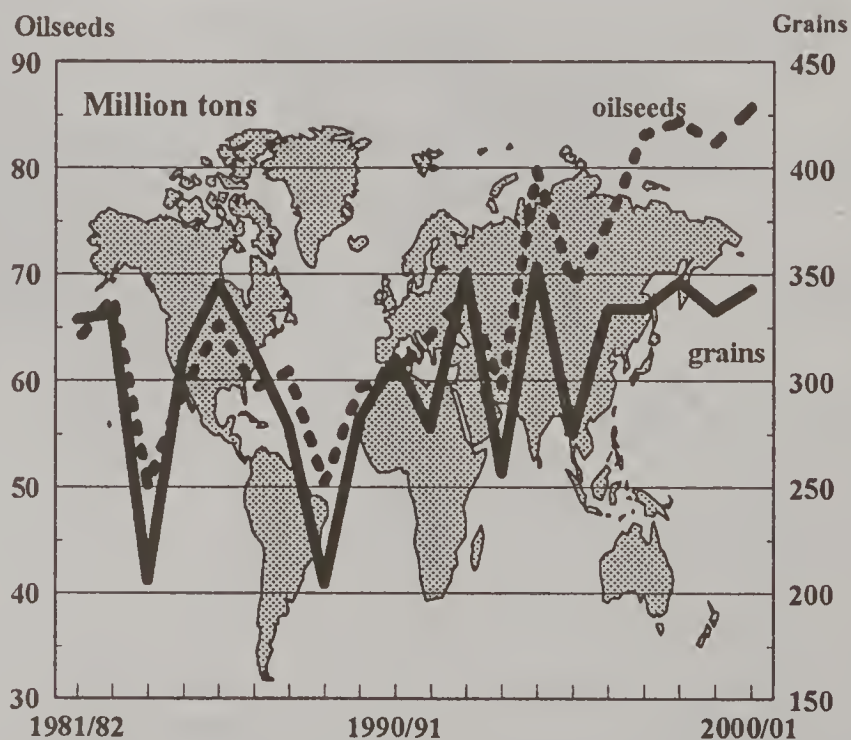
United States' Grains Area Up, Oilseeds at Record

- **Oilseeds**
 - Area breaks record set last year, assisted by favorable soybean loan rate
 - Area trending higher for soybeans, and rapeseed
- **Grains**
 - Total-grain area up slightly after three consecutive years of declines due to more favorable prices of other crops
 - Wheat lowest level since 1972/73; barley up 10%; corn up 4%



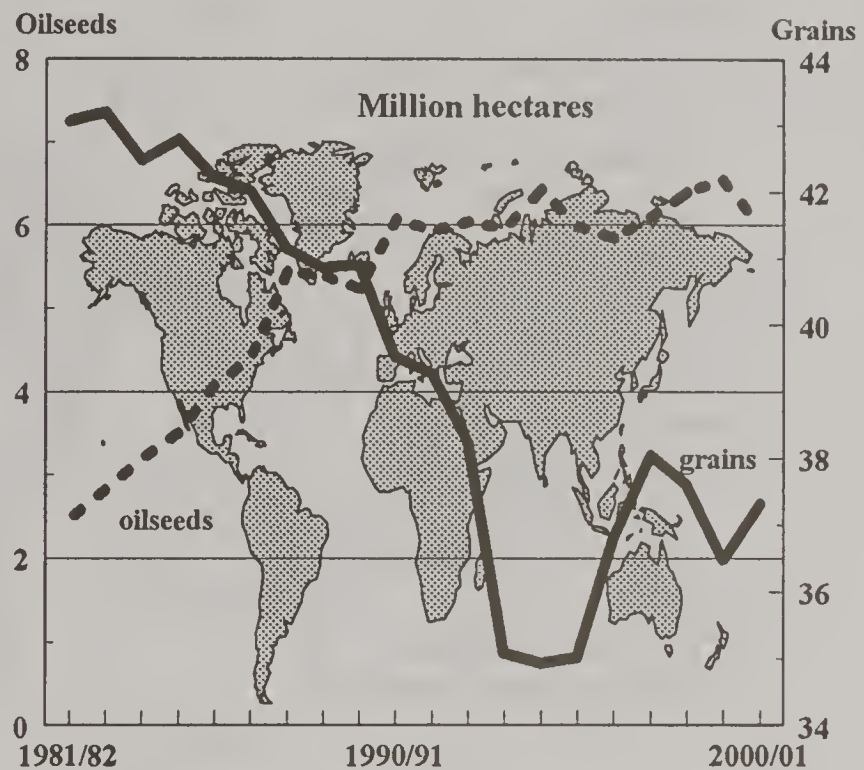
United States' Grains and Oilseeds Output Rises

- **Oilseeds**
 - Output at record on higher area and yield
 - Soybean yield high in Mid-West region
- **Grains**
 - Total-grain output up 3%
 - Wheat output lower reflecting lower area and yield
 - Corn output up 7%, largest production since 1998/99



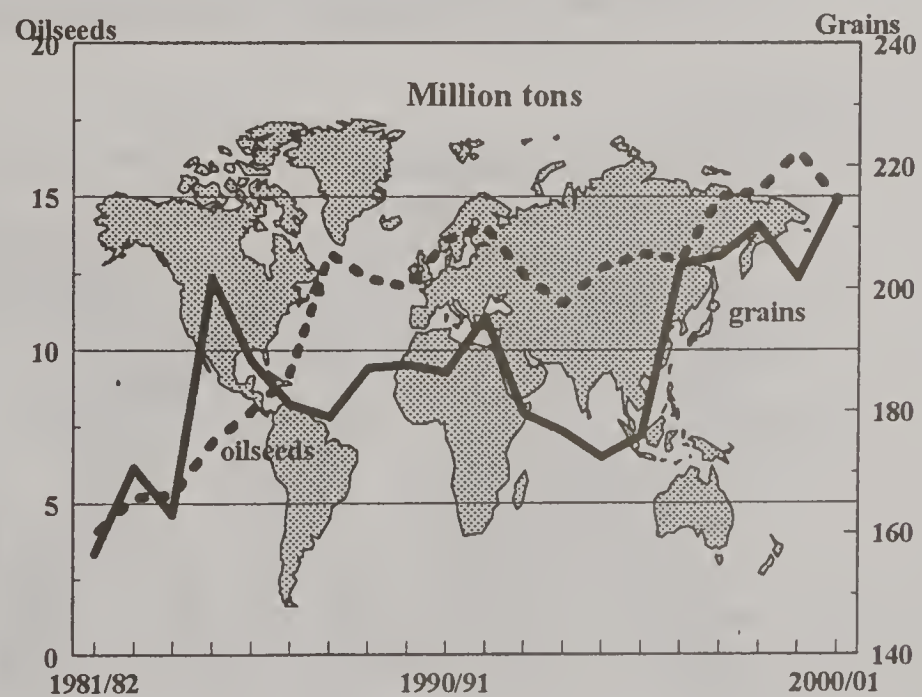
EU's Grains Area Grows, Oilseeds Decrease

- **Oilseeds**
 - Area declines as policy reform reduces oilseed subsidies
 - Rapeseed and sunflower area lower, soybean area steady
- **Grains**
 - Area up slightly after two years of decline
 - The area increase reflects the change in the CAP to favor grains more than in past



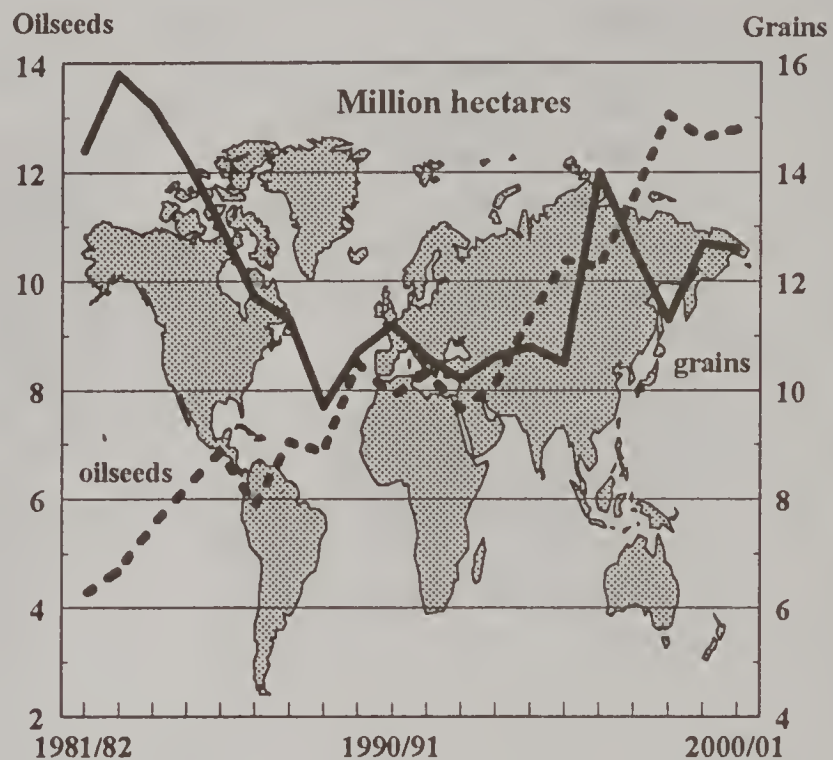
EU's Grains Output At Record, Oilseeds Decline

- **Oilseeds**
 - Output down as rapeseed declines
 - Generally favorable weather gives above average yields, but some countries lower
- **Grains**
 - Total-grain up on yield and area pushing output to record
 - Wheat yield just below the 1998/99 record of 6.03 MT/Ha
 - Barley yield offsets area drop; corn up on higher area and yield



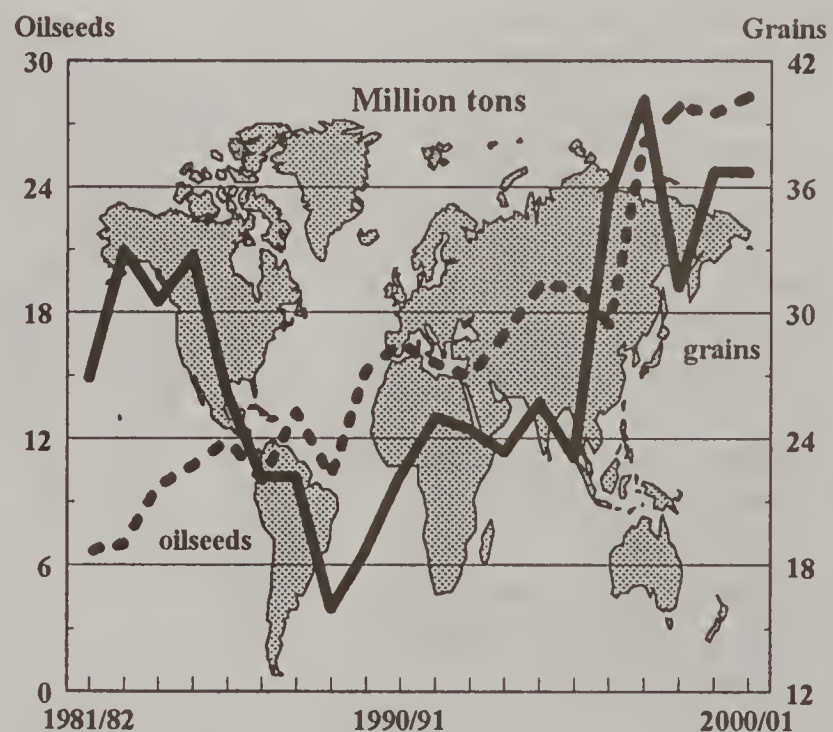
Argentina's Oilseeds Area Up, Grains Lower

- **Oilseeds**
 - Area forecast slightly higher than last year
 - Soybean area helped by favorable soybean/corn price ratio
 - Sunflowerseed area down on low demand
- **Grains**
 - Area declines as producers switch from grains to oilseeds and cotton
 - Corn area drops 6 percent, wheat up 3%



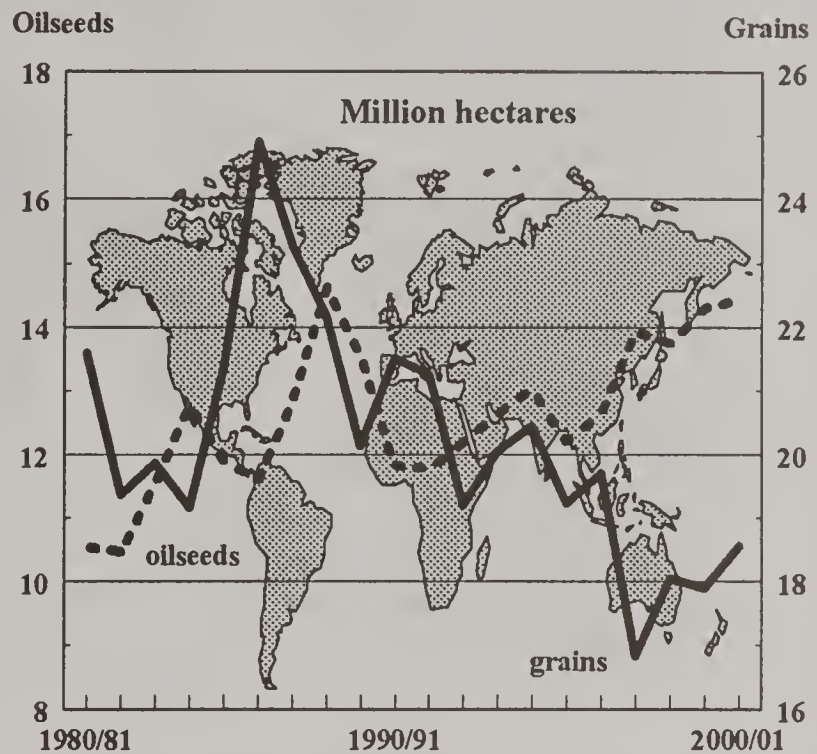
Argentina's Oilseeds Output Higher, Grains Steady

- **Oilseeds**
 - Production forecast to be a record on higher soybean area and trend yield
 - Sunflowerseed output lowest since 1993/94
- **Grains**
 - Output steady on slightly higher yield
 - Wheat output higher, due to good rainfall over most of the wheat area
 - Corn production down from lower area



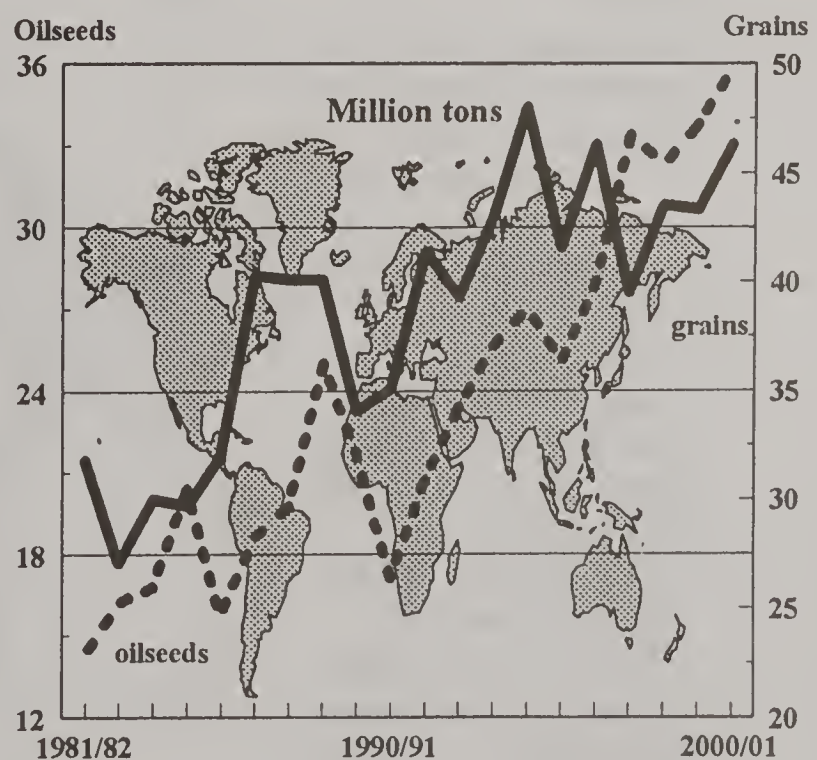
Brazil's Oilseeds Area Stable, Grains Up

- Oilseeds
 - Area seen marginally up on increased cotton planting
 - Soybean area forecast steady as decrease in the south offset by increase further north
- Grains
 - Total area expands as wheat area increases 14 percent
 - Corn and cotton area increases due to high prices
 - Rice area down as prices are low



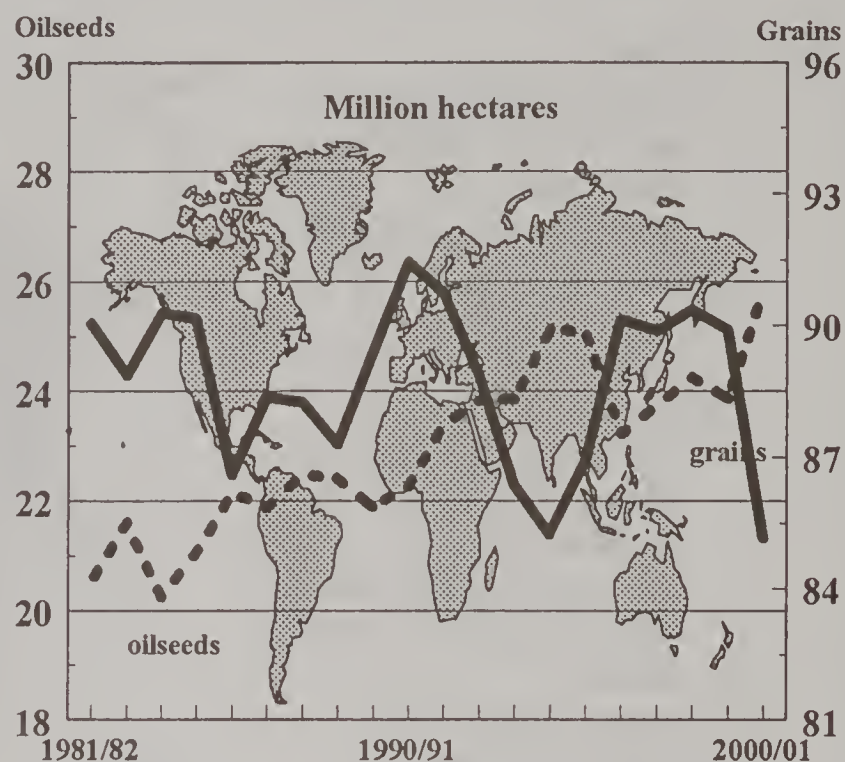
Brazil's Oilseeds Output at Record, Grains Up

- Oilseeds
 - Production forecast to be a record
 - Yields expected to be higher after last year's drought in southern states
- Grains
 - Output expands due to higher corn area and yield
 - Wheat down, as yield has suffered from adverse weather
 - Rice retreats due to decline in both area and yield



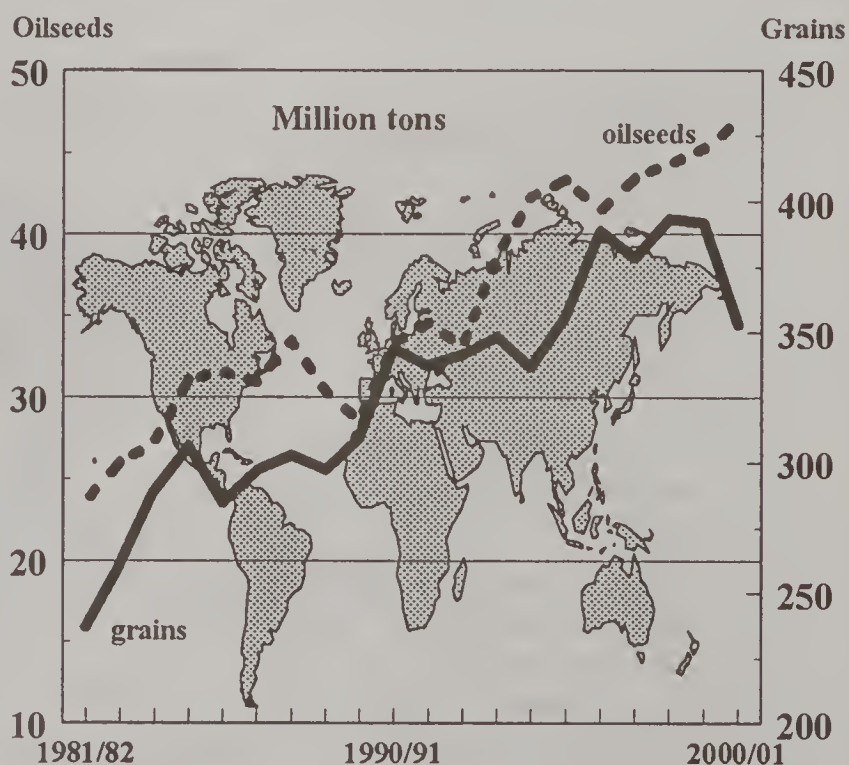
China's Grains Area Drops, Oilseeds Increase

- **Oilseeds**
 - Area jumps to record
 - Soybean area up on strong domestic demand
 - Rapeseed and peanut areas at record levels
- **Grains**
 - Total area declines 5 percent
 - Wheat and rice area declines due to lower support prices
 - Corn area declines due to more attractive soybean prices



China's Grains Output Down, Oilseeds at Record

- **Oilseeds**
 - Production sets a new record on higher area
 - Dryness in North China Plain does not seriously affect soybeans
- **Grains**
 - Total-grain output down 10 % from last year and lowest since 94/95
 - Corn output down from last year due to reduced area and drought in Northeast
 - Wheat at lowest level since 94/95's 9.9 MT



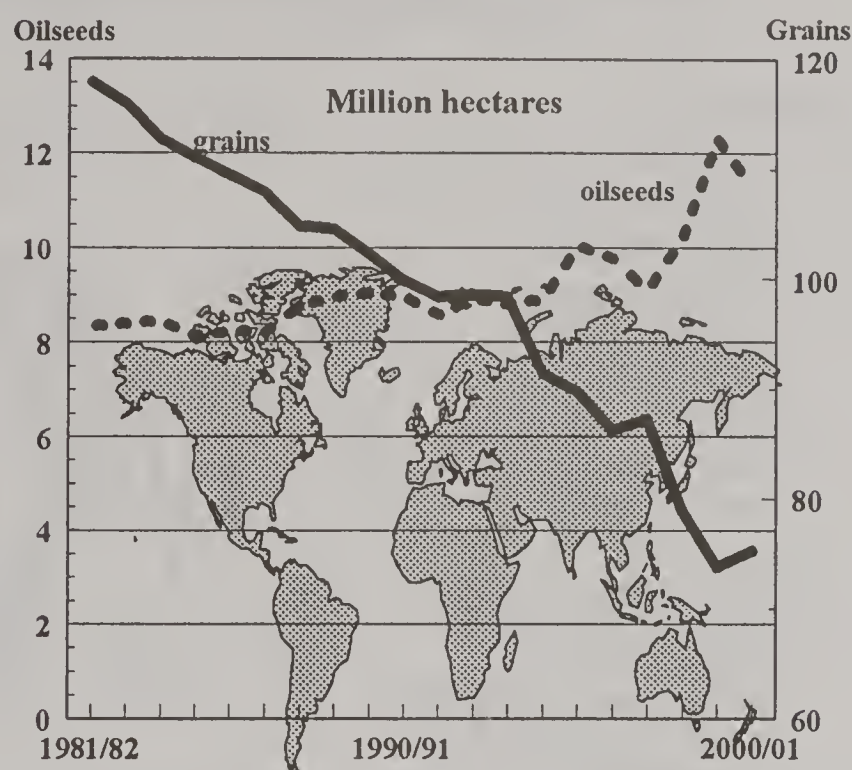
FSU Grains Area Steady, Oilseeds Down

■ Oilseeds

- Area declines on reduced sunflower plantings in Russia
- Rapeseed area a record as expansion continues

■ Grains

- Total-grain area increases in Ukraine and Kazakhstan offset drop in Russia
- Wheat area relatively unchanged in major producing countries
- Coarse-grain area rose one million hectares in Ukraine, fell 400,000 in Russia



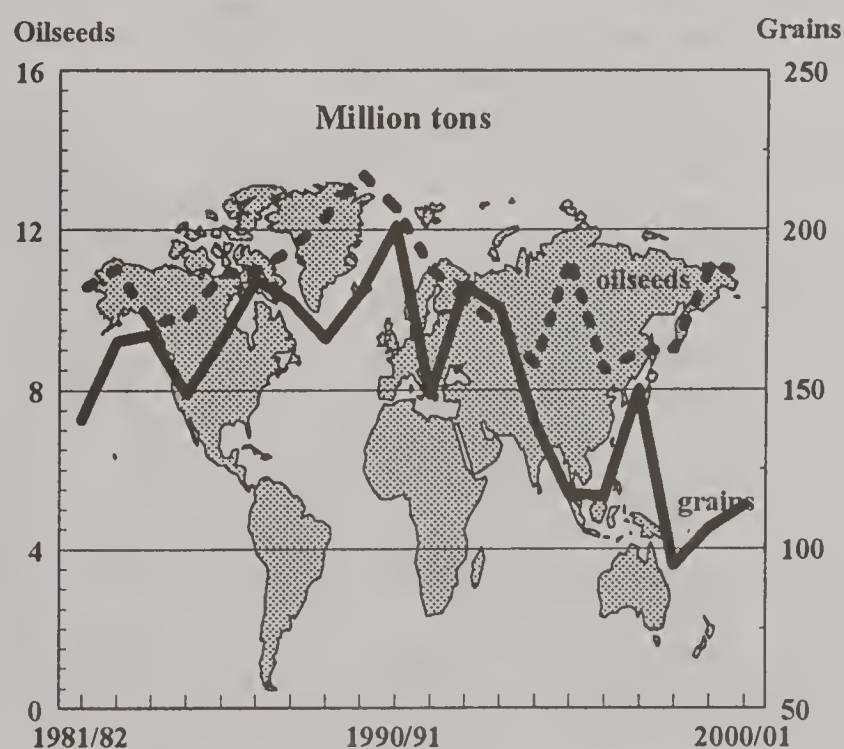
FSU Grains Output Up Slightly, Oilseeds Down

■ Oilseeds

- Production declines despite improved yields
- Russia sunflowerseed production down following excess production in 1999/00

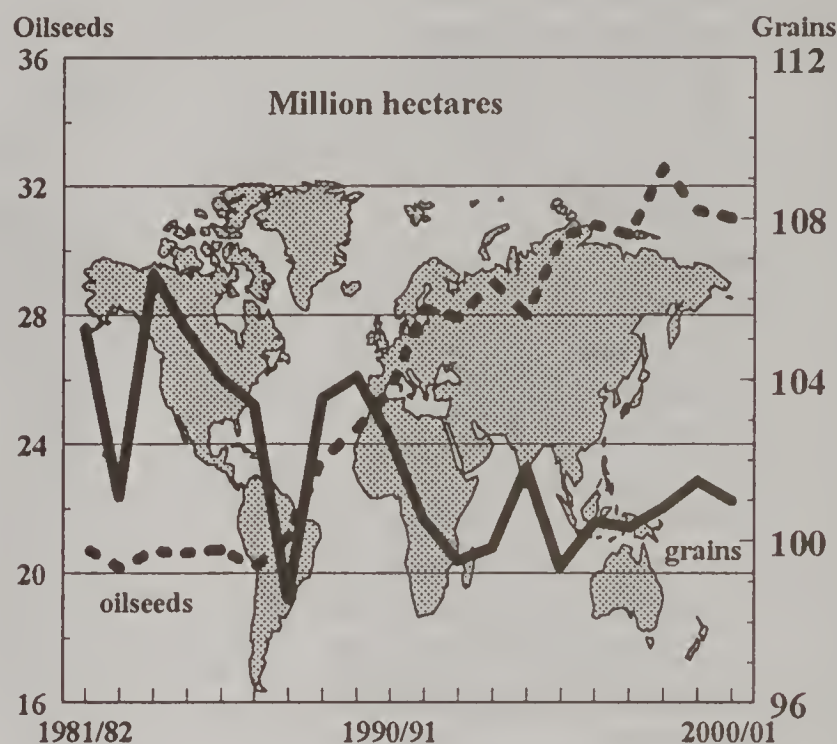
■ Grains

- Total grain output above last year, but still below average
- Wheat rebounds in Russia, drops in Ukraine and Kazakhstan
- Resource availability continues to hamper yield



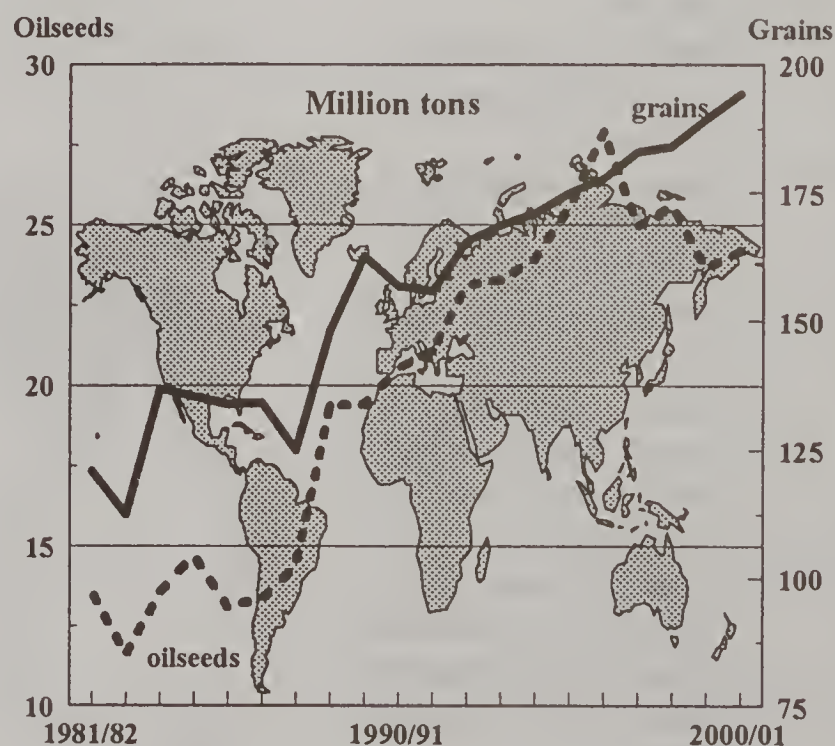
India's Grains Area Moves Lower, Oilseeds Decrease

- **Oilseeds**
 - Area down second straight year
 - Weak market conditions and a late monsoon limit soybean planting
 - Soybean area level after expansion earlier in the decade
- **Grains**
 - Area slightly down from last year
 - Wheat below 1999/00's record level while rice at record for 2000/01



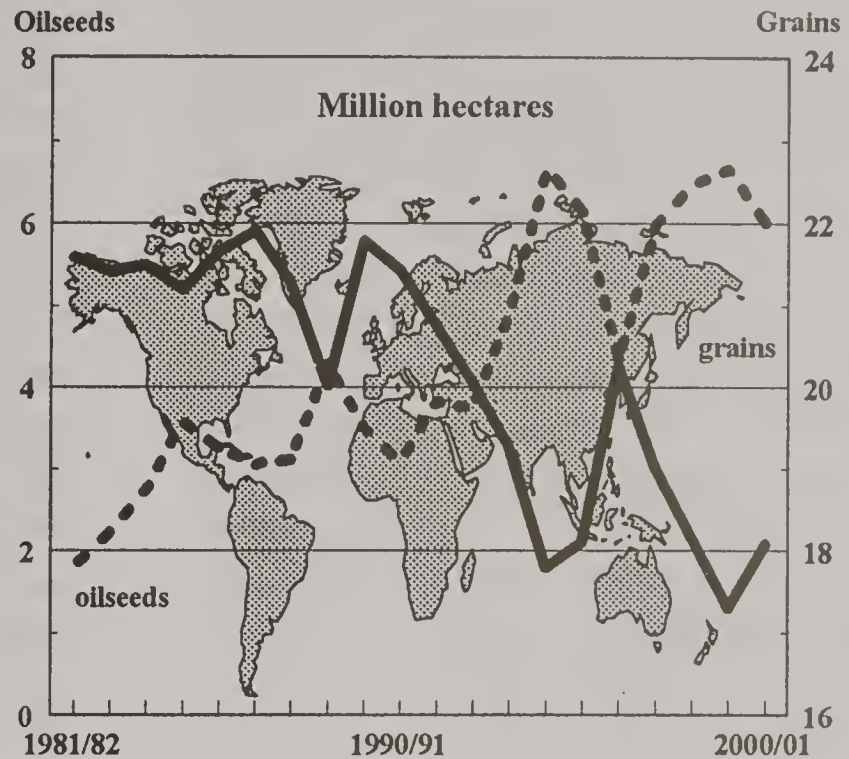
India's Grains Production Record, Oilseeds Steady

- **Oilseed**
 - Production up slightly on higher yield
 - Peanuts suffer second straight year of drought
- **Grain**
 - Production at record level for second year
 - Wheat and rice at record owing to larger yield and area, respectively
 - Coarse grains higher on area and on average but irregular monsoon



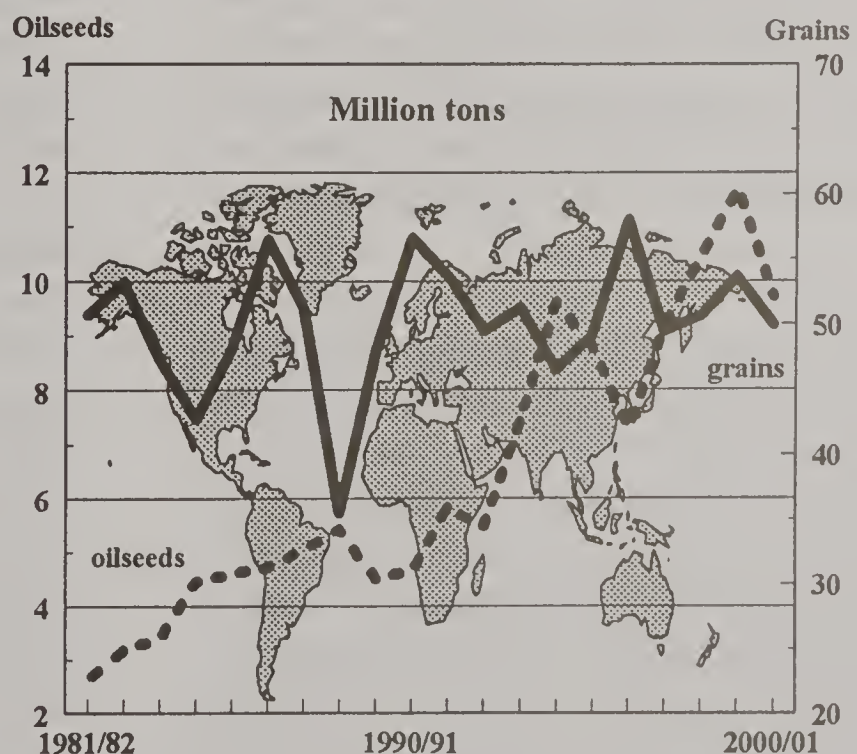
Canada's Oilseeds Area Down, Grains Higher

- **Oilseeds**
 - Area declines following last year's record production and high stocks
 - Producers switch out of rapeseed into durum, barley and specialty crops
- **Grains**
 - Larger wheat and barley areas push total grain area up
 - Farmers plant more durum and malting barley due to relatively strong prices



Canada's Oilseeds and Grains Output Lower

- **Oilseeds**
 - Production down from last year's record
 - Rapeseed and soybean yields suffer from less than ideal planting conditions
- **Grains**
 - Total-grain output down due to unfavorable weather
 - Rainfall in western prairies lower yields for wheat, barley and oats
 - Cool, wet weather reduced planted area and cut corn yield



Central America Trip Report

Analysts from the United States Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Production Estimates and Crop Assessment Division (PECAD) traveled to Honduras and Nicaragua during September 2000 to monitor crop conditions and to assess progress in areas heavily damaged by Hurricane Mitch. This work is sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID). The role of PECAD in the reconstruction project is to monitor the agricultural sector, provide crop analysis and forecasts, produce satellite-based and other remote sensing products, and recommend approaches to assist Central American and Caribbean nations in their recovery from the devastation of Hurricanes Mitch and Georges.

Nicaragua

The PECAD team visited the Managua offices of the Nicaraguan Institute of Territorial Studies (INETER) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAG-FOR) to solidify a data exchange agreement between FAS and those Nicaraguan agencies. It was learned that INETER had issued weather reports in March and May forecasting that Nicaragua would suffer drought conditions during the annual monsoon season (May-October), and the report advised producers to plant extremely drought-hardy varieties. For those who could afford to, INETER suggested that they wait for the start of the second-crop season in September/October to plant. Apparently, the INETER advisory was poorly distributed because during field travel, the PECAD team encountered few producers and local government officials who were aware of the advisory. Not many producers could afford to follow the INETER suggestion not to plant, and many were skeptical about the reliability of INETER. But most producers said they would probably have employed different

tactics in 2000 had they know of the advisory, particularly after enduring even drier field conditions during the 1999 monsoon.

Discussions with MAG-FOR officials led to elaboration on how their technicians involved in the creation of a national crop insurance program. MAG-FOR technicians are studying possible scenarios to permit the purchase of disaster insurance from private enterprises composed of producers, trade associations and craft unions, or the government. A complicating factor is the high turnover rate at all levels of the government when a change in leadership occurs. Programs are occasionally on hold while the new government acclimates itself.

The PECAD team, accompanied by two experts from the Association of Producers and Exporters of Non-Traditional Products (APENN), visited the Pacific coast states of Chinandega and Leon, areas of below-normal precipitation during the 2000 monsoon season (May-October). Non-irrigated fields planted before July were moisture-stressed, many fields had been plowed and re-planted, or left fallow for the fall season. Failed corn fields were not difficult to find (about half of Nicaragua's first-season corn area is planted before August), and much of the corn that will be harvested along the route traveled indicated varying degrees of yield loss due to heat and lack of moisture. Many soybean fields were less than 60 days old, and stubble suggested that soybean plants had first emerged in the field in May or June but had succumbed to unfavorable conditions and been plowed under. Rice fields were irrigated and reasonably healthy, as were sugarcane fields. Peanut fields were common, some so recently planted that flowering had just begun. Better than half the Nicaraguan first-season peanut area is planted by the end of August and harvested in December/January, making it a

common crop to switch to when a first season corn or soybean field fails.

Honduras

The PECAD team visited the Tegucigalpa headquarters of the Secretariat of Agriculture and Livestock (SAG), the Honduran government agency whose mission is similar to USDA, to brief the SAG Vice-Minister, and several of his department heads. Also present were representatives from the International Development Bank (IDB) and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT). PECAD shared its data concerning the corridor of dryness that had developed in Honduras and Nicaragua during Central America's 2000 monsoon season, and discussed the area and production estimates that had been released from the August 2000 lockup (September estimates were not yet released at the time of the meeting at SAG). The Vice-Minister said the PECAD weather products (see Hurricane Mitch Reconstruction website) correlated with the findings of the Honduran agencies, and agreed that the precipitation deficit of 1999 for the corridor of dryness was even greater than this year. The Vice-Minister said the USDA estimates were slightly higher than his government was reporting; he responded to PECAD's suggestion that nationwide cultivated area is higher in 2000 than in 1999 by saying any such expansion of area would be statistically small.

The Vice-Minister was favorably impressed with PECAD's "convergence of evidence" approach to crop assessment, elaborating that PECAD input was helpful because SAG's two main data collection activities had been severely curtailed by funding restraints. The Vice-Minister expressed the desire for expanded information exchanges between FAS and the various Honduran agencies, hoping that the collaboration would continue beyond the Hurricane Mitch Reconstruction Project

(planned expiration date is December 31, 2001).

The PECAD team also briefed several members of the permanent staff at the Tegucigalpa USAID mission about the purpose of the team's visit, and the dialogue that occurred with SAG. Mission staff persons confirmed that funding shortages had sharply curtailed Honduras' ability to conduct important statistical studies, and pointed out that Honduran elected officials are in the process of funding the creation of the National Statistics Institute (bolstered by a \$2 million contribution from Sweden) to resume those data collection activities.

The PECAD team traveled for two days in Olancho, a major agricultural state in east-central Honduras that has experienced drought, accompanied by two SAG staffers who were knowledgeable of agricultural practices in the region. Random stops were made along the route through the Guayape and Lepaguare Valleys to permit assessment of crop condition. One of the SAG hosts said nearly 85 percent of Olancho's corn, and nearly 100 percent of its sorghum comes from those two valleys. During the night dividing the 2-day trip, heavy showers fell intermittently for about 6 hours across Olancho, perhaps salvaging the crop season for those many producers who had planted in June. Yet by noon of the following day, the Olancho soil had absorbed the rainfall so thoroughly that the surface of many fields had already begun to harden.

Approximately one third of the corn observed was mature fields where conditions indicated that the prospective yield had been reduced to some degree by insufficient rainfall. The rest were late-planted fields of a corn variety designed to return high yields in less than ideal moisture conditions, and those fields will reach maturity in October. Early planted sorghum fields were better off than their corn

counterparts (most sorghum varieties are very drought-resistant). Later-planted sorghum was more robust than the earlier-planted mature fields. The rice fields observed were irrigated, reflecting the producer's access to necessary resources, and the crop will show little effect from heat and drought. No bean (frijoles) fields were visited.

Extra Points

1. Before the privatization of utilities in the 1990s, electricity was affordable for small Nicaraguan producers in the Pacific coast states. Today, irrigation is available only to wealthy producers who can buy electricity, and those who own wells. Poorer producers have been reduced from planting options that included cucumbers and ornamental plants to now being limited to corn and soybeans. A second consecutive monsoon season of below-normal rainfall prompted producers to plant more peanuts. The strategy worked for those who had irrigation and those who planted late in the season, as the PECAD team encountered a surprising number of peanut fields, many of them in excellent shape. A big buyer in Leon usually purchases all the region's peanut which is then routed to the export market.

2. In the face of high or rising imports, SAG representatives report that the Honduran Government has assisted grains and rice producers in orchestrating treaties with the poultry industry and millers. An agreement is being signed by various poultry producers to buy only Honduran corn and sorghum between September 2000 and March 2001 (the time frame during which crops from Honduras' main season are harvested and sold). Any participating poultry producer who imports corn or sorghum during this period is subject to a 45 percent tariff based on the purchase price of the imported items.

If it can be proven that the producers are not providing enough grain to the poultry producers, then a waiver can be requested that will drop the import tariff to 1 percent. The rice producers and millers have agreed to the same conditions. When the treaties were drafted, the poultry producers foresaw the need for at least 86,200 tons of corn and 27,200 tons of sorghum, while rice producers have promised to deliver at least 22,680 tons of rice to millers.

3. An area shift is evident in Olancho, where 25,000 hectares of cropland was converted to pasture in 1999, according to SAG officials. Weather issues, unreliable assistance programs, production costs, and low prices due to cheaper imports has forced some crop producers to switch to livestock, while others have sold their land and moved to the city. Concern is building about the loss of food production and the increased need to import more basic foodstuffs in the future to feed the citizens.

4. Smuggling of pine, redwood, cedar, mahogany, and other valuable woods is a serious problem in Honduras, where a permit is need to engage in logging. Smuggling means lost revenue for private businesses and the government, and also harms the long range goal of fighting pollution. European countries have begun paying countries in Central America to grow and maintain forests. The smugglers have a clever black market clientele that apparently pays well, and hikers and other woodsmen have been shot by smugglers who mistook them for law enforcement personnel.

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